

Cabinet fears royal clash on sanctions

By Richard Evans and Philip Webster

Some of Mrs Thatcher's closest Cabinet colleagues are now openly worried that the danger of producing a head-on constitutional clash between the Prime Minister and the Queen...

start of the Commonwealth meeting on August 3, and some ministers envisage the possibility of heads of state, such as President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia...

visit to South Africa will produce positive results, and Mrs Thatcher will come under strong pressure to implement measures against the South African Government provisionally agreed by the Commonwealth conference in Nassau last autumn...

Three deals and optimism with Shevardnadze

By Rodney Cowton

Three agreements between Britain and the Soviet Union were signed yesterday on the second day of the visit of Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to London.

Sir Geoffrey Howe said that two outstanding points of concern for the West were that any confidence-building measures should include the whole of European Russia up to the Ural Mountains.



Mrs Thatcher arriving at Buckingham Palace for a garden party yesterday, before her weekly audience with the Queen (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Reagan agrees to talks on Salt 2

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Reagan has accepted a Soviet proposal for superpower talks in Geneva next week on his decision to ignore arms limits set by the Salt 2 treaty.

blight the prospects for a successful summit. The Geneva talks, scheduled for Tuesday, will be conducted at a special meeting of the Standing Consultative Commission, a joint US-Soviet body established in 1972 to monitor the first Salt agreement.

Navy gets go-ahead for new frigates

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent

The Royal Navy is to be provided with another three Duke class Type 23 frigates and contracts worth £345 million will be placed this year.

Free school meals ban gets through

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government succeeded in pushing through proposals last night to scrap free school meals for 650,000 children from low-pay families.

Lady Ewart-Biggs, the Labour peeress, made an impassioned plea to the Government not to deprive children of the service. She was backed by the Bishop of Lincoln, Baroness Vickers, a Conservative, and Lord Kilmarnock, for the SDP.

West Indians may boycott Games

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

Fears grew yesterday that the Caribbean islands might join the boycott of the Commonwealth Games with the news that several countries are delaying their decision until after a meeting on Friday in Zimbabwe of the front-line African states.

Budd and Cowley were ineligible, the five nations have stuck to their decision. The fear is that if Zimbabwe, Zambia and Botswana join the boycott on Friday...

With the gloves off



Can boxing's Mr Nice become Britain's first heavyweight champion of the world this century? A profile of Frank Bruno

Two readers shared the £16,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition yesterday...

TV-am rush Prospective shareholders in TV-am, the independent television station, applied for 26 times as many shares as were on offer to the public

Eta claim The Basque terrorist movement Eta has telephoned newspapers claiming responsibility for the Madrid car bomb which killed nine civil guards on Monday

Birkbeck grant Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, chairman of the University Grants Committee, in a letter to The Times today replies to critics of the cut in Birkbeck College's grant

Exam passes Degrees awarded by the University of Manchester are published today

Table of contents for the next day's paper including Home News, Overseas, and Weather.

Tax offer on profit-link pay deals

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Amended proposals designed to persuade companies and their employees to link pay to profits were launched yesterday by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson.

The proposals, announced in a green paper, Profit Related Pay, offer the possibility of tax relief of £12 a month for participating workers on average earnings, at a probable cost to the Exchequer of £150 million a year.

CPSA job ban on Militant upheld

By Mark Dowd

The national executive of the Civil and Public Services Association acted according to union rules when barring Mr John Macrae, a militant supporter, from taking up his post as general secretary, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

In refusing Mr Macrae's request for an injunction against the right-wing executive of the union, Mr Justice Vinelott said the case rested on a "fundamental misconception of the position of senior full time officers within the union."

he said, was the date of the commencement. "If it is accepted that the effective appointment of the general secretary is determined by the NEC, it must follow that the NEC, provided they act in good faith, are entitled to defer the taking up of the appointment while inquiries are made into the circumstances of the election."

Hand-drawn cartoon about a job rise and tax-free pay.

New Zealand butter deal blocked by Irish

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

Brussels - Ireland last night blocked agreement on imports of New Zealand butter next year in a move that could seriously reduce the value to Wellington of the Rainbow Warrior compromise with France (Jonathan Braude writes).

New Zealand sources were surprised at the tough stance since Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, was assured on a recent visit to Dublin that Ireland would not cause difficulty over butter negotiations this year.

School sports ban 'barmy'

By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, yesterday denounced attempts by some left-wing councils and teachers to ban competitive sports in schools as "barmy".

Bristol headmistress to ban egg-and-spoon and sack races from her school sports day. "In left-wing controlled Brent, a promising young ballerina has been refused a grant to attend a leading ballet school because the Labour education chairman stated he was against 'special treatment for white middle classes'."

"The effective way is to rely on the basic maxim of getting the best person for the job. That is how we are succeeding in this country."

Advertisement for La Quinta Club, a holiday resort in Europe, featuring text about membership and contact information.

Videotaped interviews in child abuse cases criticized by judge

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A controversial new questioning technique recorded on videotape in cases of child sex abuse has been strongly criticized by a High Court judge during wardship proceedings.

Mr Justice Ewbank expressed "grave disquiet" about the evidential value of the diagnostic interviews at the child abuse clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, central London.

In two wardship proceedings there were allegations that a child had been sexually abused by the father. The psychiatric social worker came in that conclusion after questioning the children with the use of sexually explicit dolls.

In one case, where the interview was recorded on videotape, "the interview had built into it the preconception that sexual abuse was likely to have taken place", the judge said.

While accepting that the videotape was not meant to constitute evidence, the judge said he could not agree with the conclusions by the social worker.

It is only in the last two years that child sex abuse has been presented to the judges; it is a very new subject for them. The technique has only just got started, and it is not surprising that the legal view is quite different from the clinical view as our aims are completely different.

It had never been intended to produce evidence for court hearings, but merely to help the diagnostic process, she added. The psychiatrist had the option of turning the video recorder off, but had decided not to do so.

In spite of criticisms from some quarters, there had been some positive and helpful judgements where judges appreciated the need to use such questioning, she said. "It is important not to over-react - these are early days."

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Mrs Erica Woodman, aged 31, of Ipswich, who became pregnant after recovering from cervical cancer diagnosed a year ago, hugging her son Samuel yesterday. She had been told she would probably never have children.

Cheap calls to test Telecom

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Mercury, the rival network to British Telecom, has fired the first shot in what could become a telephone price war by offering its customers a 25 per cent discount on local calls in London from next month.

The new telephone network, which interconnects with the national British Telecom network in May, has already attracted more than 400 corporate clients.

Mercury is about to embark on a sales drive, using local cable television networks, to attract more small businesses. Next year it will attempt to woo domestic subscribers.

Doctors fight NHS 'bondage'

Hospital doctors yesterday criticized proposals to introduce a new career structure to help solve the staffing crisis in the National Health Service.

The 5,000-member Hospital Doctors' Association (HDA) said that proposals to create a new subconsultant grade, announced last week by Mr Barney Hayhoe, the Minister for Health, were "an anathema" to junior doctors.

Mrs Pamela Morrisroe, chief executive officer, said: "For a salary well below that of a general practitioner, the subconsultant will be expected to carry out all the routine and emergency work currently done by juniors in training."

"This will mean a lifetime of long hours on duty in hospital, to the detriment of the doctor's family and social life. The senior members of the profession have retained their closed shop by selling their junior colleagues down the river into a lifetime of bondage."

Midwives to seek parity over pay

By Angella Johnson

Midwives demanding better pay and recognition in line with doctors and dentists are planning to take their individual cases to an industrial tribunal, it was announced yesterday.

The Royal College of Midwives is co-ordinating the campaign to increase the salaries of Britain's 30,000 midwives from about £6,500 to £15,000, the average pay for a junior hospital registrar.

They plan a number of test cases against local health authorities that will argue that midwives use the same skills as doctors when treating pregnant women and should therefore be paid similar wages.

Miss Ruth Ashton, general secretary of the RCM, said yesterday: "A midwife does the same job in diagnosing or referring problem cases, as a doctor when looking after a pregnant mother. The doctor has no more skill and takes out more action than our members. This work is of equal value and should have the same remuneration."

There are 150,000 qualified midwives, but the RCM said only 30,000 are practicing, because others go back into nursing or become health visitors where pay is higher.

The college argues that doctors should leave the work of caring for normal pregnancies to trained midwives, and channel their skills into other areas of the health service instead of the present duplication of skills.

Doctor 'drank whisky as patient lay on floor'

A doctor drank a large whisky in his village public house after being called out to treat an unconscious man, it was claimed yesterday.

Miss Jacqueline Baldwin told the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee in London that Dr John Forbes-Proctor stood at the bar while the man, known as Red Pete, lay at his feet.

He drank the whisky, in the Brass Tap at Tongue-by-Lairg, Sutherland, Scotland, before examining the patient, she said.

Miss Baldwin is one of 14 people from the rural community in Sutherland who claimed that the doctor was guilty of serious professional misconduct.

But yesterday he was cleared by the General Medical Council of nine out of 10 charges against him that he worked under the influence of alcohol.

He still faces one charge of drinking whisky in a public house before treating a man, "Red Pete" who was unconscious on a bar floor.

Miss Baldwin told the com-

Crew lands on deck of the Titanic

A subsurface vessel was landed on the deck of the Titanic yesterday, the closest man has come to the wreck in 74 years.

Mr Robert Ballard, a geologist from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Massachusetts, and leader of the expedition, described it as "a breathtaking experience".

"We landed up on the forward deck by the mast and looked at the windlass, bollards and chains," he told institute personnel by radio telephone.

"We saw the ship's wheel minus the wood. It was all polished. We took some beautiful pictures of that," he said.

The wreck was located last September by a French-American team led by Mr Ballard. The Titanic, struck by the White Star line, struck an iceberg and sank on April 15, 1912, during her maiden voyage. Some 1,500 lives were lost.

Mr Ballard and two pilots spent four hours in the subsurface vessel, Alvin, yesterday, some 2-1/2 miles beneath the Atlantic, south-east of Newfoundland.

The Alvin approached the liner from the bow. "She's sitting like a knife's edge with both anchors visible," Mr Ballard said.

A British television crew is shooting a film inside the Titanic (Gavin Ball writes). Cameras from TVS have been mounted on a robot submarine and a robot mechanism, as part of the expedition.

Mr Peter Williams, executive producer of the documentary, said that the crew was "very excited" by the quality of pictures it had taken since arriving at the scene last week.

The ITV channel secured exclusive rights to film the expedition after months of negotiations with the institute.

An hour-long documentary will be broadcast in Britain at the end of next month.

Seven charged with £250,000 DHSS fraud

Five men and two women charged with an alleged £250,000 fraud involving the Department of Health and Social Security were remanded to custody until Friday by magistrates at Nottingham yesterday.

The seven, all from Derby, were arrested by police and DHSS investigators in a series of raids, after a seven-month operation.

They were charged with obtaining money by deception from the DHSS by supplying false names and addresses. There were no applications for bail.

£350,000 for paralysed rescue woman

A doctor who was left paralysed after attempting to rescue a girl aged three, was awarded £350,000, in the High Court yesterday.

Dr Jennifer Morris, aged 35, acted with "very brave courage" when she saw the child trapped on a ledge above a railway line, but fell 20 feet.

Mr Desmond Perrett, QC, counsel for Dr Morris, said: "This is a classic rescue case. Without thinking twice, and completely anxious for the safety of the child, she climbed over the wall, but she tumbled straight down off to the railway line."

Jobs hope vested in tourism

Increased numbers of tourists could bring many thousands of new jobs to the North-east, according to a report issued yesterday.

Mr Peter Carr, regional director of the Department of Employment, said that every 2 per cent increase in tourism could create up to 20,000 new jobs in an area where unemployment is running at 18 per cent.

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Call for a ban on cigarette machines

By Nicholas Wood Political Correspondent

The Labour Party wants to curb drastically cigarette vending machines as part of a new crackdown on smoking aimed principally at stopping the young taking up the habit.

It would not allow the machines in any places such as leisure centres and bus stations frequented by children.

It would also end the tobacco industry's sponsorship of all public events and prohibit advertising except at the point of sale.

Health authorities would be made to run clinics for people trying to give up smoking and public bodies would be encouraged to designate more areas as smoke-free zones.

The tough new approach to tobacco is set out in Labour's new national policy of preventive medicine, *Health for All*, launched yesterday by Mr Michael Meacher, Opposition health spokesman and Mr Frank Dobson, MP, his deputy, at a press conference in the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election campaign.

Mr Meacher said smoking kills nearly 100,000 people a year and is increasing among the young. Of fifth-formers, 31 per cent of boys and 28 per cent of girls are regular smokers and the 11-16 age group spends £70 million to £90 million a year on cigarettes.

The health charter adds new promises on smoking, diet, alcohol and drugs to existing commitments on jobs, housing, pensions and benefits in an attempt to revitalize the "sick society" Britain is alleged to have become under Conservative rule.

Mr Meacher said: "If you can persuade and enable people to lead healthier lives they will use expensive NHS technology less."

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TUC target is 1m jobs in strategy aimed at expanded public sector

The Trades Union Congress yesterday published proposals intended to create more than a million new jobs in two years.

The TUC accepted that it was an ambitious target but claimed it was achievable. It said that to set sights any lower would mean condemning people to even longer periods of deprivation, a further loss of output and high levels of spending on unemployment benefits.

The "million jobs" target is the first phase of the TUC's medium-term employment strategy, outlined in its 1986 economic review.

The review goes on to focus on the range of measures that would be needed to bring about further cuts in unemployment, with the ultimate aim of getting the figures below 1979 levels.

Four key elements of the TUC's employment package are:

- Increased public investment, initially concentrating on repair and maintenance, but gradually increasing spending on new construction projects;
- Expanded public services;
- Expanded and improved employment and training measures;
- Reductions in working time.

The review, which also

includes an important statement on the TUC's approach to technological change, sets out to answer the question of where the new jobs are going to come from.

Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, says in a foreword to the review: "The Government's economic experiment has failed and the cost of failure has been high. Our industries have not become more efficient. There has been no productivity miracle. More jobs have been destroyed than created. Britain lags behind in the technology race."

The review says that British industry has become smaller and weaker, not stronger and fitter, because of government policies. Britain's future success depends on moving away from the Government's approach of pay cuts and greater job insecurity, it says.

It calls for an expansion of the public sector as a first step in industrial recovery, saying that this would be "one of the quickest and most effective ways of providing jobs for the unemployed."

It says that investment in the public infrastructure - houses, roads and railways, water and sewers, hospitals and schools - has been allowed to run down to dangerous levels, yet there are

450,000 unemployed construction workers.

The review states: "A concerted medium-term economic strategy is needed to get back towards full employment."

It says, however, that unless a longer term view is taken, the fall in unemployment may not be sustained.

The TUC contrasts its own plan with the Government's medium-term financial strategy, based on money supply and public borrowing targets, which, it says, is one of the causes of the unemployment problem.

It goes on: "The first phase of the MTES would reduce registered unemployment by one million in two years. This may well mean creating more than a million jobs as some of the new jobs will inevitably be filled by unregistered unemployed workers."

The review adds: "Even when this million target is achieved this will still leave over two million registered unemployed. This level of unemployment would have been inconceivable before 1979, so further targets will have to be set which will in part depend on the success in meeting the initial one million target, but which will eventually aim to reduce unemployment below 1979 levels."



Police Constable Brian Chester making friends yesterday with Martyn Green, aged four, when he returned to the beat in Coventry

PC who shot boy back on beat to warm welcome

By Craig Seton

Police Constable Brian Chester was warmly welcomed when he returned to the beat yesterday for the first time since the shooting of John Shorthouse, aged five, during a raid on the parents' home in Birmingham.

He said: "The last year has been a terrible ordeal. I have been to hell and back every day."

A marksman with the West Midlands police, he promised never to touch a gun again as he donned a constable's uniform for the first time in 11 months. He admitted, too, that in spite of the welcome he could face a whispering campaign on the council estate in Coventry, Warwickshire, where he is a community policeman.

About 100 people applauded and cheered his return and women planted kisses on his cheek, but others gave a warning that there was still bad feeling about his return, and said that he could face danger if he tried to arrest anyone in future.

PC Chester, aged 35, who disclosed that he still hopes to be promoted to sergeant, was mobbed by the crowd in a shopping precinct in Willenhall as he took young children in his arms and was pursued by a score of reporters and photographers.

At his first press conference since his acquittal at Stafford Crown Court two weeks ago, PC Chester said that he felt tremendous relief to be back on duty.

A married man with three children, he said he had had no contact with Mrs Jacqueline Shorthouse, aged 25, the dead boy's mother, who had expressed her bitterness at his acquittal.

"I feel very deeply for the Shorthouse family and I have every sympathy for Mrs Shorthouse. I am sorry she cannot accept that it was an accident and I know she will never forget."

PC Chester, who was reinstated last week after nearly a year on suspension, said that he had received between 800 and 900 letters from all over the country, all of them offering support.

He said that he had had hateries about returning to duty, but added: "It has always been my intention to return to the job I have done since I left school 17 years ago. The police is my life."

He said that he supported the aim of Mr Geoffrey Dear, Chief Constable of the West Midlands, to set up an elite firearms squad on permanent stand-by to replace "part-time" marksmen such as himself.

£1,500 for 'innocent burglar'

A woman has been awarded £1,500 damages against the police after she was arrested for breaking into her own home.

Mrs Jill Bryant, aged 51, had left her husband, but returned to their house at Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxfordshire, to pick up personal property. Lawyers told her she was entitled to force an entry.

But police were alerted by neighbours and she was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

At Oxford County Court yesterday Mrs Bryant was awarded £1,000 damages against Thames Valley Police for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment and a further £500 aggravated damages.

Judge Patrick Mead, QC, also ruled that the police should pay 12 per cent interest on the award from October 1981, when the incident occurred, and Mrs Bryant's costs.

Mrs Bryant, who is now remarried and living at Dymock, Gloucestershire, said afterwards: "I shall never forget that awful day."

Man accused over bomb sent for trial

Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian accused of trying to place a bomb on board an El Al aircraft at Heathrow Airport earlier this year, was yesterday committed for trial by Lambeth magistrates.

Mr Hindawi, aged 32, who faces one charge under the Aviation Security Act and two charges under the Firearms Act, did not apply for bail.

Muhammad Said Fadda, aged 46, a clerical assistant, of Ealing, west London, was granted bail on sureties of £7,500, after being sent for trial on charges of possessing a pistol and ammunition.

Sale room £291,600 for bust of Bard

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room
Correspondent

A marble bust of Shakespeare which has stood in the same house in Warwickshire since it was sculpted by Michael Rysbrack, the British sculptor, in 1760, was sold at Christie's yesterday for £291,600 to the British Art Centre at Yale. Christie's had estimated the bust's value at about £150,000.

The bust was commissioned by James West, of Alcot Park, after he saw a much-acclaimed terracotta version of Rysbrack's posthumous portrait of the Bard. A cast was made of the bust of Shakespeare in Stratford church for him to work from.

The sale also included a collection of sculpture formed by the second Lord Rockingham and his nephew, the fourth Lord Fitzwilliam. Again, it had never left the family. The unknown buyers at Christie's are thought to be American.

The most sensational piece was the monumental marble group of Samson and the Philistines by Vincenzo Fuggini which secured the top price in the sale at £345,600 (unpublished estimated £150,000-£250,000). It is considered the masterpiece of the late Baroque Florentine artist and is believed to have been bought in Florence about 1750 by the second Lord Fitzwilliam.

The work was sent to Wentworth Woodhouse, the majestic family seat built by his father, but was too heavy to take upstairs to the Great Hall for which it was intended. It has stood in the lower hall ever since. The identity of the purchaser was not disclosed by Christie's but the National Gallery in Washington was said to have taken an interest in the sculpture.

Science report Nuclear research stops forgeries

Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Research by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has helped to make the £50 banknote more difficult to forge and has pointed the way for more efficient and cleaner car engines.

Scientists at the authority's Culham laboratory are developing advanced lasers, based on research conducted initially for nuclear reactors, but designed specifically for industry.

The work at Culham is an extension of the development of diagnostic lasers for thermo-nuclear fusion. Since that start, more than 16 years ago, the research has become far broader in scope.

Now part of that effort is being focused specifically on developing lasers for non-nuclear purposes. One of the most prominent successes has been to help the Bank of England.

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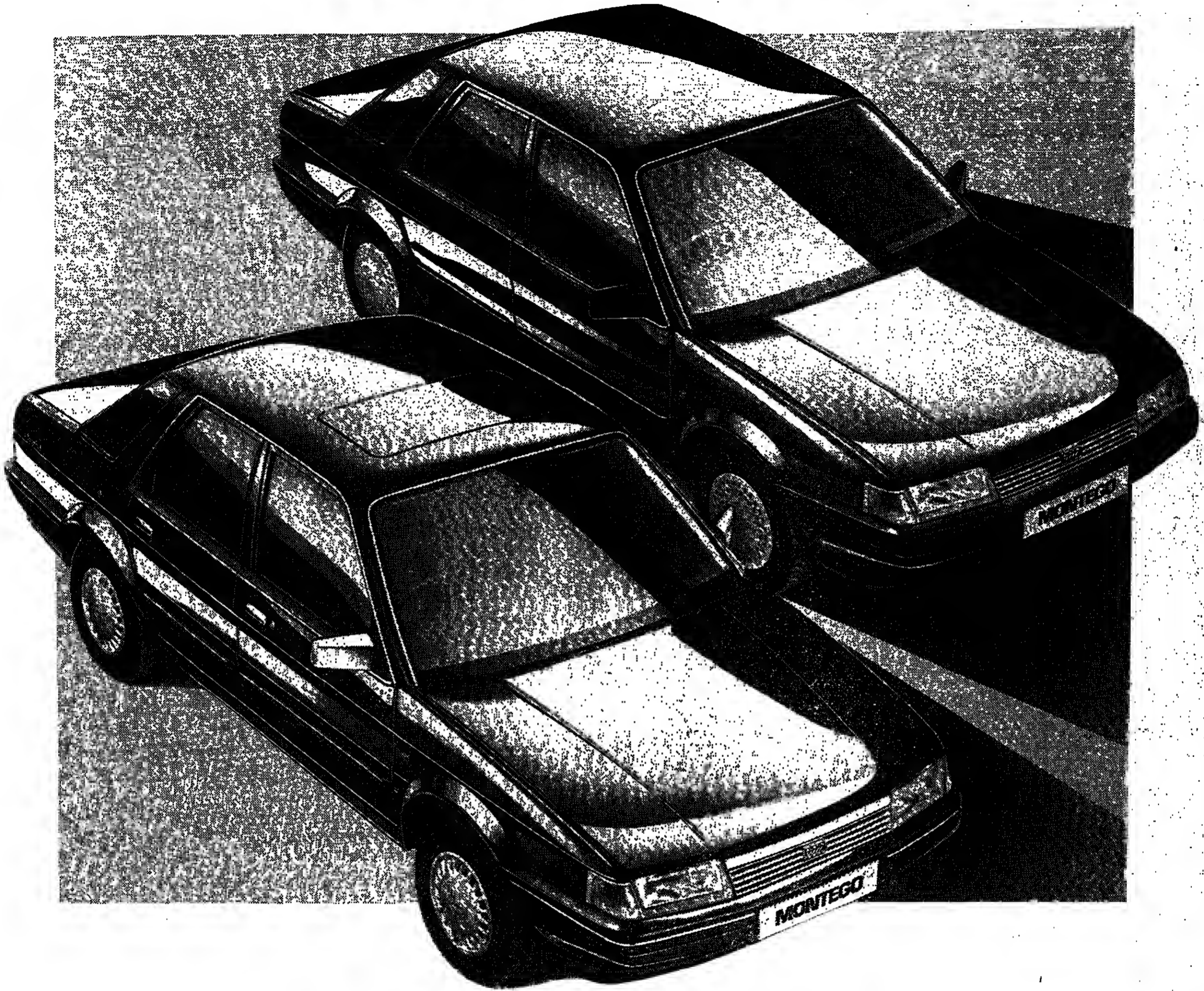
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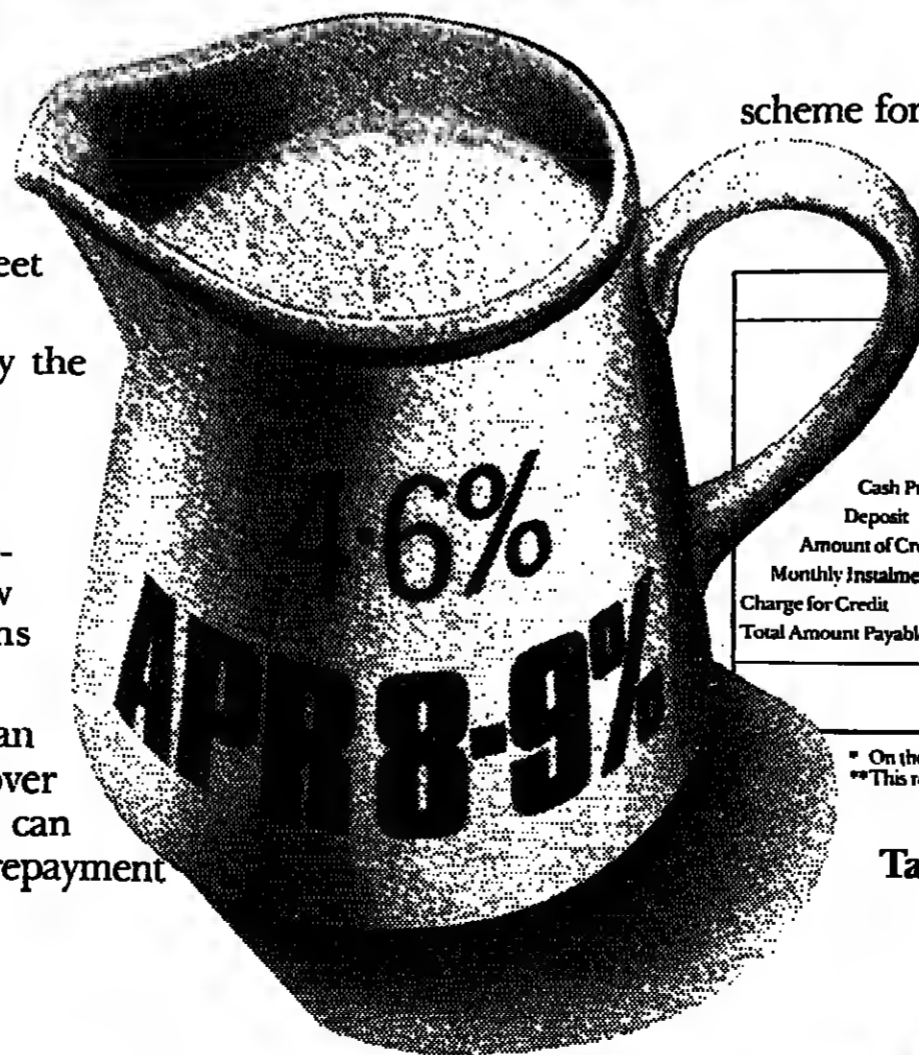
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Russians send out envoys to promote arms proposals

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, has backed his recent publication of new arms control proposals with the despatch of a team of personal envoys to various world capitals to deliver "an oral message" to heads of government and to answer in detail questions which they may provoke.

The launch of this latest in a series of Soviet propaganda initiatives on disarmament was announced yesterday by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the new Kremlin spokesman.

He said that President Reagan's response to an arms control proposal sent last month by Mr Gorbachov had been "too long delayed".

Describing the despatch of the team of special Kremlin envoys, Mr Gerasimov said that their brief would be to emphasize the importance of solving the problems of disarmament at an earliest date while a war-starting decision is still taken by the leaders of states, and out by computers.

Speaking at a briefing at the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Kremlin spokesman refused to be drawn on the key question of the day as to whether Moscow was now prepared to waive its earlier insistence that Washington join a nuclear test moratorium if the US made positive moves

towards arms control.

The initial hint of such a possible move by the Soviet Union to extend its unilateral moratorium beyond its closing date of August 6 even without American reciprocity was given here earlier this week when Mr Gorbachov addressed a meeting of international scientists opposed to nuclear tests.

"You ask the Soviet Government to re-examine the possibility of extending the moratorium", he said. "Well, first, it is in effect. That is the main thing, so there is still time and it should not be wasted. Naturally, your request will be considered most closely."

Mr Gorbachov then added in a paragraph being closely studied by diplomats to see whether it represents a softening in the previous Soviet position: "The Soviet Government will take a decision, and it will be conveyed to you. But speaking frankly, what it will depend on is a large extent on whether the United States is at long last going to set about disarmament."

Mr Gerasimov yesterday sidestepped a direct question from a Western reporter on the exact meaning of these remarks to the immediate future of the moratorium.

British warning on chemical weapons

By Rodney Cowton

Britain said yesterday that there may be more than 20 countries that either possess chemical weapons or are thinking of acquiring them.

The warning was given by Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, when he tabled new British proposals for an international ban on chemical weapons at the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

He said there was reason to believe that as many as 10,000 people had become casualties of "this appalling form of warfare" in the Gulf war.

"We believe Iran has full-scale production facilities capable of producing many hundreds of tons of mustard gas and of nerve agents, and that new production complexes may be under construction. Iran may in turn be taking steps to acquire its own chemical weapons."

Negotiations for a worldwide ban on the weapons have been going on at Geneva since 1981. In 1983 the outline of a convention was agreed, and negotiations have since centred increasingly on its form of words. More than half

the convention has been agreed, but among the remaining problems are provisions for verifying that countries are complying with it.

The proposals put forward yesterday concern a system of "challenge" inspections. Mr Renton said this had to be distinguished from routine inspection.

He said concern about compliance could be aroused by activities which could not be resolved by routine inspection measures. There had to be a fact-finding procedure which could be invoked.

There had to be a stringent regime providing for inspection on challenge in exceptional circumstances, and providing the mechanism of last resort whereby all signatories could "feel truly assured that their security had been lastingly enhanced". It had to act as a major deterrent to any contemplated violation of obligations under the convention.

The proposals specify a 10-day period within which a country would have to satisfy other signatories that it was complying with the convention.

Madrid in silence for slain guardsmen

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

In a tense atmosphere the people of Madrid and the Spanish Parliament, assembling for the first time since the general election, observed three minutes' silence at midday yesterday for the nine young Civil Guards killed in a car-bomb explosion.

A crowd of about 1,000, many giving the Fascist salute, sought to turn the guardsmen's funeral into an extreme Right-wing demonstration against the Socialist Government.

Eta, universally suspected, has yet to assume responsibility for the most lethal attack on Spain's security forces since the Socialists came to power in 1982.

Besides the nine killed by the Basque armed separatist organization on Monday, 34 others were injured, all but three policemen, were still in hospital yesterday, five to a very grave condition.

Fuelling criticism and the sense of frustration, Señor Narcis Serra, the Defence Minister, admitted yesterday that the Government had known for the past week that an Eta commando was preparing to attack somewhere in the Spanish capital.

"The Government is worried by this attack, but convinced it will finally win. The key to success is to carry on stubbornly and not to make spectacular policy changes," Señor Serra, who has shared



The coffins of eight of the slain Civil Guards receiving the blessing of the Army Vicar-General during the Madrid funeral.

responsibility with the Interior Minister for the paramilitary police, maintained.

Eta, he argued, had increased its attacks in Madrid because it was now seriously weakened in the Basque country and because a big city with a lot of movement offered an easier environment to terrorists.

Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, looking grim as he entered parliament, appealed for redoubled efforts to fight the scourge.

But editorials in many newspapers yesterday highlighted the inefficiency of the present anti-terrorism tactics

of the Spanish police. The so-called "Spain Commando" of Eta has managed to kill 20 people during the past 12 months in Madrid without being foisted.

The site of Monday's attack, the papers noted, was in a zone which had been designated for maximum anti-terrorism scrutiny by the police.

Señor José Barriouero, who has been at his post as Interior Minister since the Socialists took office, was another target for criticism.

"We cannot go on in this way," Señor Manuel Fraga, the Right-wing Opposition leader and a former Interior

Minister, said yesterday, demanding tougher prison sentences for terrorists.

Coins were thrown by the demonstrators at the cars of the service chiefs accompanying him as they left the funeral.

"The Government is the assassin," and "Civil Guards take out your arms," the Ultras chanted near the Civil Guard headquarters where the funeral was held as the hearses were driven out.

Other slogans were against democracy and the monarchy and for the freeing of Antonio Tejero, the former Civil

Guard colonel now serving a 30 year prison sentence for assaulting parliament during the 1981 coup attempt.

All traffic stopped for the three minutes in the Castellana, Madrid's main street, responding to a call by the capital's Socialist mayor to display solidarity with the victims and with the security forces.

● **Cloth damaged:** An explosion early yesterday damaged a sports club in Renteria, near San Sebastian, run by the People's Unity Party, the Basque radical nationalist group which acts as the political wing of Eta.

Australia faces new round of rationing

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

A week of petrol rationing coded here yesterday only to be threatened again by a new industrial dispute.

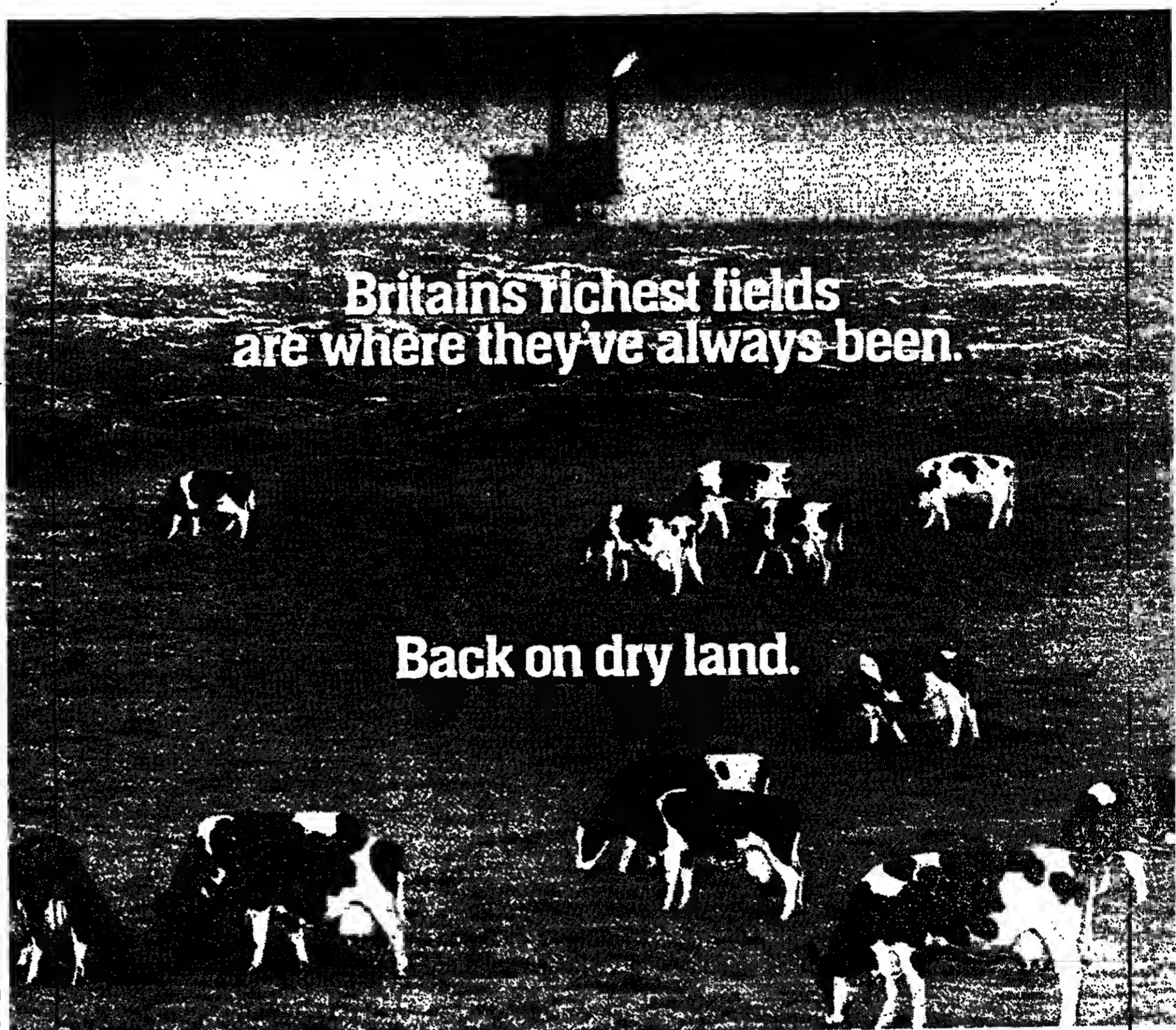
Shortly after fuel workers returned to work and motorists began queuing to fill their tanks, seamen refused to unload tankers in Sydney and reserves of crude were expected to run out by the weekend unless supplies were allowed to reach the refinery.

An end to a week of petrol rationing was announced by Mr Barrie Ousworth, the new Premier of New South Wales, soon after the strike was called off. Deliveries were getting back to normal in Victoria and South Australia.

The experience of rationing has brought the message home to Australians that three years of industrial peace are well and truly over.

Further trouble is looming at the waterfront over money-saving proposals to send tankers to Singapore for refuelling. The building and metal industries face disruption as workers pursue superannuation deals, and public servants are again contemplating industrial action.

Meanwhile, the dramatic deterioration in the industrial climate since the decision last month on the national wage case, was underscored by the federal opposition in canvassing plans for legislation to prohibit strikes in key industries, including fuel, transport, communications, health and defence.



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Richard Miller, a "bumbling Inspector Clouseau" figure.

FBI agent gets life for spying

Los Angeles — Richard Miller, the first Federal Bureau of Investigation agent in American history to be convicted of spying, has been sentenced to two concurrent life imprisonment terms plus 15 years for passing secrets to the Soviet Union (Ivor Davis writes).

Although Miller, aged 49, an excommunicated Mormon and a father of eight who had been an FBI agent for 20 years, will be eligible for a parole hearing in about 16 years, Judge David Kenyon said he hoped Miller would never be let out of prison.

Miller had been convicted last month of passing secrets during an affair with Svetlana Ogorodnikova, a Soviet emigre, who was convicted of spying last year.

Miller, who said he was innocent, had been convicted of six counts of selling secrets in exchange for sex with Ogorodnikova. \$50,000 (£25,000) in gold, \$15,000 in money and a raincoat.

His defence described him as "a bumbling, inept Inspector Clouseau", who fantasized that he would become a James Bond character and redeem his reputation in the FBI by becoming a double agent and the first to infiltrate the KGB.

Zimbabwe renews emergency

From Jan Raath, Harare

The Zimbabwe Parliament voted yesterday to renew the state of emergency for another six months, despite earlier indications that it would be abolished.

In November, shortly before the anniversary of Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of independence, the country will have been under emergency laws with important sections of the constitution abrogated, for 21 years.

The decision to extend the emergency has come as a surprise. The Government in April passed legislation granting sweeping powers to the State President, and allowing it to declare states of emergency in parts of the country affected by unrest. When these laws were passed in April, Dr Eddison Zvobgo, the Minister of Justice, said the Government planned to lift the state of emergency.

Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, said in Parliament that guerrillas in the western provinces of Matabeland had launched "a subtle and determined effort" in their "fantastic" hopes of bringing down the Government. There had been "a definite revival" of guerrilla activities since January.

He admitted there had been a slight improvement in the situation as a result of a joint rally he held on March 23 with Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of the opposition party.

He said that since January, 57 people had been murdered by guerrillas who had clashed on 71 occasions with security forces. The figures, in fact, indicate that activity has dropped by nearly half from the previous six months.

Mr Nkala said the guerrillas were being helped in their activities to "destabilise our country," an oblique reference to South African assistance to the guerrillas.

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Shin Bet agents ask for presidential pardons over Palestinian deaths

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

At least 10 Shin Bet counter-intelligence agents intend asking for presidential pardons for their part in the killing of two Palestinians in 1984. They have briefed lawyers to seek the pardons as a direct result of Monday's narrow decision by the Cabinet to allow a police inquiry into the deaths and cover-ups.

The men fear that the effect of a police inquiry will be to brand them as criminals and so make them scapegoats for the politicians who, they claim, approved everything that happened.

The agents' lawyers are therefore preparing a plea to get before President Herzog, asking pardons similar to those already granted to Mr Avraham Shalom, the head of Shio Bet, and three of his most senior aides.

The High Court of Justice is due to give its judgement on Sunday as to whether such pardons are legal, since they were granted to men who had not yet been convicted of crimes. The court has to decide if the President really has the power to forestall a judicial procedure in this way.

It has already been given statements by the pardoned men in which they admitted contacting evidence and suborning witnesses at earlier inquiries into the affair. Mr Shalom has also told the court that he acted throughout "with authority and permission" indicating that he had been authorized to order the killings and cover-up by Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the then prime minister.



Mr Yitzhak Shamir: implicated in Shin Bet cover-up.

If the court refuses to accept the pardons, the police will therefore have signed confessions from the senior Shin Bet officers, along with evidence that Mr Shamir was involved.

It was to limit the scale of any inquiry that Mr Shamir and his Likud faction decided to opt for a police investigation rather than see a judicial commission set up.

The police do not have the political clout of a commission and are thus considered less likely to try to implicate the former prime minister, who is due to take over the Government again in October.

Mr Shamir has so far skillfully read public opinion over the affair and has exploited the wavering stance of Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, to give a much needed boost to his own popularity.

The Likud leader aggressively refused from the outset to accept the need for any inquiry into Shin Bet.

Mr Peres, on the other hand, first stood out against any inquiry. Then he was prepared to accept an investigation into his own relatively minor role, challenging Mr Shamir to do the same. Finally he was won over by his party to support a full judicial inquiry — only to be out-voted on this by the Likud.

Mr Shamir scathingly said that Mr Peres was more interested in party politics than national security. When it proved impossible to prevent Mr Yosef Harish, the new Attorney-General, from continuing to investigate the affair, Mr Shamir persuaded the small religious parties in the Cabinet to support his preference for a police inquiry.



Mr Ahmed Qureshi with his three children after rioters burned his wife and other family members to death in Ahmedabad.

Indian troops seize arms caches in curfew city

Ahmedabad, India (AP) — Paramilitary troops confiscated large caches of illegal arms yesterday in sweeps across Ahmedabad, and communal violence flared in another town in Gujarat state.

The United News of India reported that one person was stabbed to death and another wounded in clashes in another

curfew-bound city, Baroda, south of Ahmedabad. Riot police fired tear gas to scatter stone-hurling mobs in the city.

Some 5,200 paramilitary troops had been sent in by the federal Government earlier to control the violence.

No serious violence was reported in Ahmedabad, Gujarat's main city and scene of

the worst sectarian bloodletting in previous days. Some shops in an Ahmedabad suburb were set ablaze before dawn, police said.

Mr P. Chidambaram, the Indian Minister of State for Internal Security, met top state government and police officials in Ahmedabad. He had been sent there on Monday by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister.

At least 52 people have been stabbed, beaten or burned to death in widespread communal violence in the past week in Gujarat, according to authorities. The rioting was triggered by Muslim attacks on a Hindu religious procession in Ahmedabad.

Sri Lanka parties discuss devolution

From Vijitha Yapa Colombo

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka met party leaders in Colombo yesterday, and a delegation from the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front for a third round of talks in three days.

He said all participants in the Political Parties Conference, except the All-Ceylon Tamil Congress, accepted the provincial councils system within the present nine provincial boundaries, without any provinces being amalgamated.

But if the boundaries were to be changed, some parties had alternatives to offer.

President Jayewardene said opinions differed on the constitution and composition of the councils, and on which functions should be devolved and the extent of devolution.

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party of Mrs Sirima Bandaranaike and the socialist MEP are boycotting the conference.

Conflicting casualties: The Government said its forces killed 11 Tamil separatists on Monday in the Jaffna area.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam said a mine destroyed a naval gunboat yesterday off the Jaffna coast, killing 12 sailors. It was planted in retaliation for the alleged massacre on June 10 of 37 Tamil fishermen by naval forces off Mandaitivu island.

Israeli bank chief finally forced out

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The recommendations of an Israeli public commission of inquiry into a banking share collapse in 1983 have at last been honoured with the resignation of Mr Rafael Recanat as chairman of the Israel Discount Bank.

For two months he had refused to follow the example of the chairmen of the three other main commercial banks and the Bank of Israel itself by stepping down, as the report required.

His reluctant resignation followed agreement by the Cabinet on Sunday that he could be suspended for three months while legislation requiring him to leave was drafted.

"Even though" he, with two members of his family, have left the board of the bank, he will remain in overall

control of the parent company, the IDB Bankholding Corporation.

This is in defiance of the report's ruling that the bankers, who were found guilty of the commission of engineering the share collapse, should no longer have any responsible position in the banking world.

Two of the other chairmen who resigned have, however, also been given senior positions with their former banks.

Mr Recanat, who said in his letter of resignation that the report was "unjust and without legal foundation", is determined to remain an influential banking figure.

The new chairman, chosen by the family to ensure continuity, is Mr Yosef Ciechanover, who has been head of the bank's US investment branch.

Frightened Haitians shun jury service

Port-au-Prince (Reuters) — Only 3 of 200 people showed up for jury selection in the first of a series of trials of five men who saved in the regime of the ousted president, Mr Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Courtofficials said on Monday that the prospective jurors were frightened to take part in the trial of Luc Desry, Elois Maitre, Jean Tassy, Lionel Woolle and Edouard Paul, accused on various counts of torture and murder. Three of them were members of the Tonton Macoute, the regime's dreaded secret police.

"They don't want to have men like that seeing them sitting in judgement," an official said. "Today was a complete failure." The first trial was to begin yesterday.

Jury trials took place infrequently under Duvalier and are viewed by many Haitians with uncertainty and fear.

Masterpieces stolen from Cahors gallery

Cahors (AP) — Nine paintings, including works by Picasso, Dali and Magritte, were stolen from the Municipal Museum here at the weekend.

A museum official said the museum's alarm system went off twice during Sunday night. Security guards, however, did not have the keys to look inside the building, and found nothing abnormal outside.

The museum was closed on Monday because of the Bastille Day holiday and the theft was discovered that evening.

The paintings were part of an exhibition marking the 90th birthday of Andre Breton, a founder of the surrealist movement.

They included four works by Dali, one by Magritte, one by Max Ernst, two by Miro and a Picasso.

The burglars left behind works by Gauguin, Moreau, Massou and Chirico.

Japan ready to take lead in world affairs

From a Correspondent, Tokyo

Japan has won the money and the means to take a lead in world affairs — and must now get off its defence and do so, the normal apologetic Japanese people have been told in the annual keynote report from the Foreign Ministry.

"Japan should bear in mind that it now has far more international influence, especially in the economic field, than the Japanese give it credit for," the ministry said.

The report signalled that a nation which has got on with

growth to domestic demand in order to head off trade protectionism abroad.

It also repeated official platitudes urging Japan to open further to a world community and for its people to be more broad-minded and tolerant.

But the report was more notable for picking up the political gambit which the Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, has thrown at the feet of his Western allies. He has said that if Japan is to take more responsibility for its own economy, then it must also be allowed the influence it deserves in the international councils of the mighty.

"Japan now has an important international responsibility to contribute actively to the preservation of world peace and prosperity," the ministry said.



Mr Nakasone: Japan must be pushed to influence.

It was careful to reaffirm that the future was founded upon continued good relations with Washington.

Two crucial points are still unclear: the first is how far Japan is prepared to go in adopting its new role.

If Mr Nakasone, noted as the most hawkish Japanese leader since the Second World War, wins the third term in power which he seems to want, this may be answered.

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Aquino rejects kidnap demand as negotiations start for nuns

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Muslim rebels who kidnaped 10 Roman Catholic nuns and an American Protestant missionary in the troubled southern Philippines, demanded a ransom of \$100,000 (£67,500) for their release yesterday.

But President Aquino has said the Government will not be blackmailed.

The nuns, all members of the contemplative Carmelite

Marawi - The kidnapers threatened to kill the nuns if the army launched an offensive. Mr. Saidamen Pangarungan, the acting governor of Marawi, said (Reuters reports) the military said the abductors had been surrounded but no action had been taken because of fear for the nuns' safety.

Order, are safe and detained in the isolated town of Yanagi. Mr. Juan Ponce Enrile, the Defence Minister, said.

Local government, police and military officials supported by Muslims and Roman Catholic intermediaries, are negotiating for their release.

In a progress report to President Aquino, Mr. Enrile said that besides the ransom,

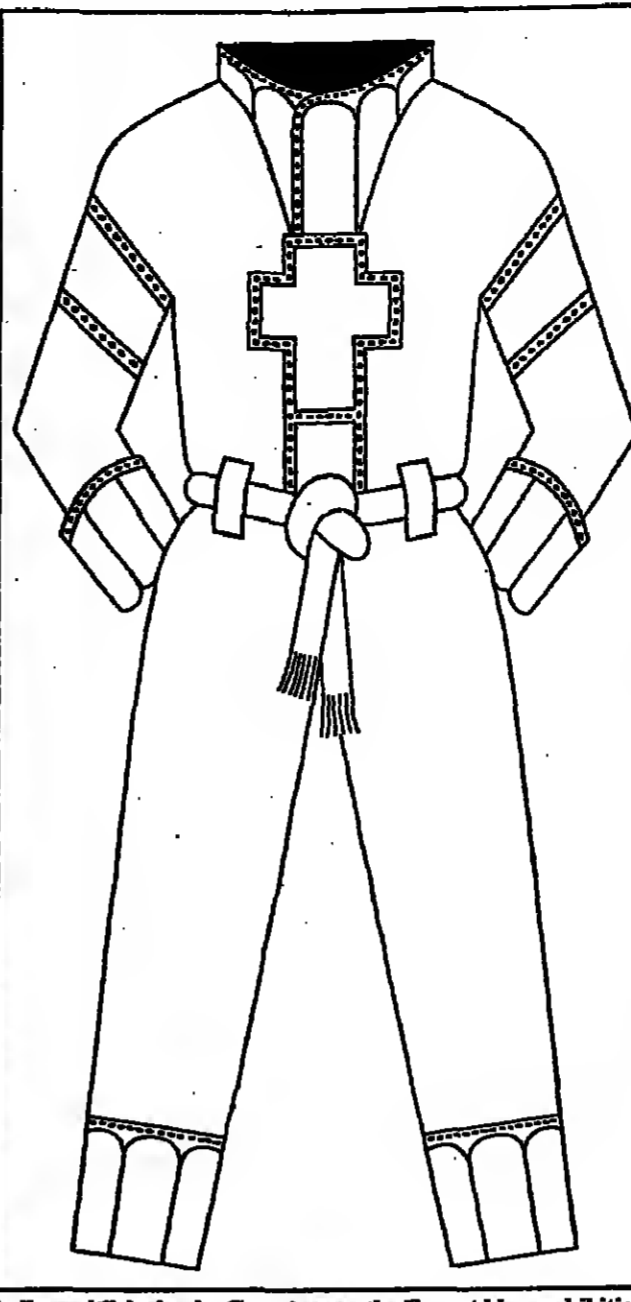
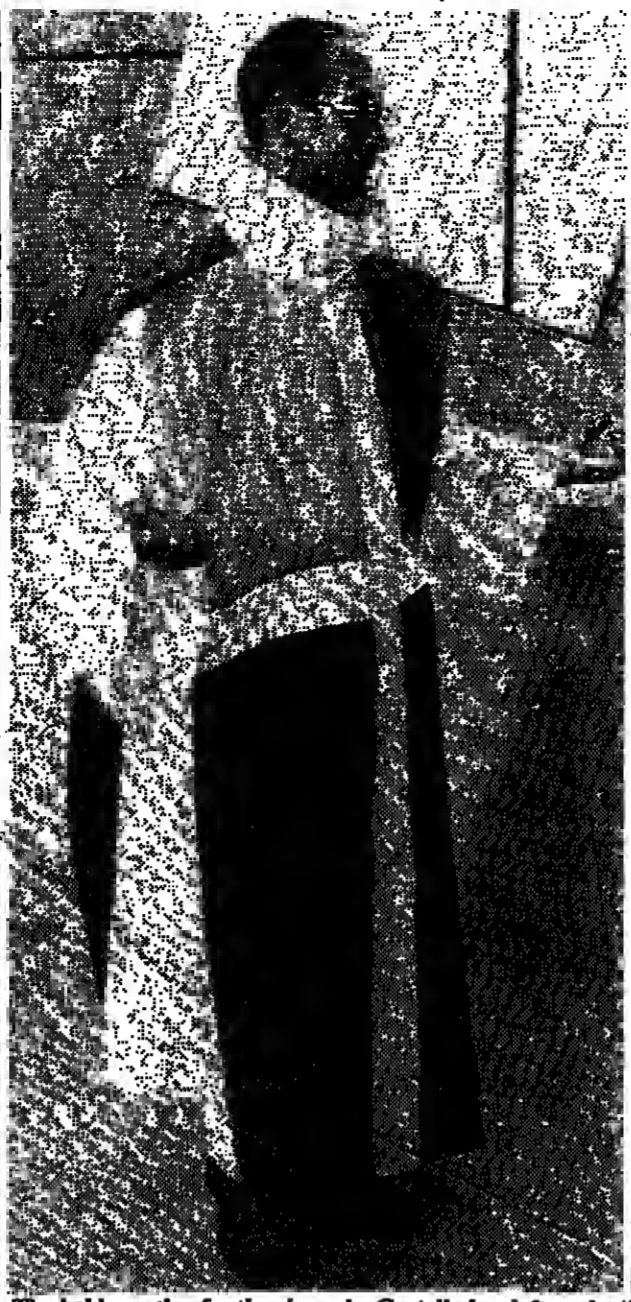
the kidnapers were demanding the inclusion of local autonomy in the new constitution being drawn up and full implementation of the 10-year-old peace treaty which, up till now, has failed to halt the secessionist war.

"The Government will not be blackmailed nor will it adopt the policy of appeasement towards the abductors," Mrs. Aquino said shortly after receiving Mr. Enrile's report.

The Government's official policy is not to pay ransom demands. Mr. Enrile said he had no information on the whereabouts of the Rev. Brian Lawrence, aged 30, the American missionary who was abducted on Saturday night from his apartment in the Muslim city of Marawi, 500 miles south of Manila.

His wife escaped unhurt by hiding in a wardrobe when armed men burst into their apartment.

The kidnapping of Mr. Lawrence came 24 hours after the nuns were taken at gunpoint from their convent on the outskirts of Marawi and driven off in two motor boats across nearby Lake Lanao under cover of darkness.



The bold creation for the clergy by Castelbajac, left, and a "boiler-suit" design by Courrèges at the Epon Abbey exhibition.

Haute couture for French priests gets dressing down

From Diana Geddes, Paris

After the meter maids, surgeons, air hostesses and policemen, it is the turn of the French clergy to be dressed by the top haute-couture designers - and in a revolutionary way which has left many of the more conservative faithful aghast.

Space-age forms and brilliant colours are among the radical new features for ecclesiastical garb proposed by André Courrèges and Jean-Charles Castelbajac, who were asked by the National Committee for Sacred Art to put forward their ideas for the clergy of the future.

Each submitted four designs which are on display in an exhibition entitled Art and the Sacred Today, organized by the committee in the beautiful 13th century Cistercian monastery of Epan on the outskirts of Le Mans.

The model which has provoked the greatest controversy is a cosmonaut-style boiler-suit by Courrèges, marked with a bold white cross in front, over which may be worn a knee-length, broad-shouldered chasuble, marked with an even bigger white cross, leaving the trouser-legs of the boiler-suit clearly showing.

Castelbajac has decided to keep more or less to the traditional form for liturgical vestments, but has shocked many with his choice of colours. In one design, bold blocks of yellow, blue, green and red, symbolizing light, the Virgin Mary, hope and love, are printed in a cruciform pattern on a transparent silk organza chasuble, through which the colours are reflected on to the pure-white alb underneath.

Castelbajac deplored the fact that priests no longer stood out in a crowd. "Whether dressed in civilian clothes or in their ecclesiastical vestments, you don't see them any more," he said.

"It is as if soldiers didn't wear a uniform. Priests should wear distinctive clothes. I believe the officiating priest should symbolize light. He should be like a beacon fighting the way. But one must avoid the trap of making him too decorative."

By no means all the priests who visited the exhibition at its opening on July 4 thought he had succeeded. "It's fine for a march-past on July 14 (French national day), but not for celebrating Mass," one protested.

But it was inevitably Courrèges who provoked the most hostile reactions. "His designs in no way fit in with the liturgical tradition: there is nothing sacred about this," one horrified Benedictine exclaimed, while another priest considered them suitable only for a trip to the Moon.

Mlle Renée Moineau, secretary-general of the National Committee for Sacred Art, hastens to allay their fears. "The models are not intended for use today, or even tomorrow," she said. "But we hope they will stimulate reflection."

She said Courrèges and Castelbajac had been chosen not because they were avant-garde Catholics, but rather for their broader spiritual qualities.

The same was true of the other 14 contemporary artists, including two Britons - Tony Cragg and Ian Hamilton Finlay - who had been asked to submit works for the exhibition.

Some are not even believers, let alone Christians. François Morellet, for example, whose striking painting of a black cross against a white background is hung behind the massive stone altar of the abbey, says he should certainly not be catalogued among the holy.

"I'm preparing an erotic exhibition entitled The Geometry of Spasms," he said with a laugh.

Also included in the exhibition are 53 coloured religious lithographs and a stained-glass window by Hagall, and a retrospective look at religious architecture in Europe since 1925.

The exhibition, which has cost about £50,000 to mount, is being funded by the Ministry of Culture and the Département of Sarthe in which the abbey lies.

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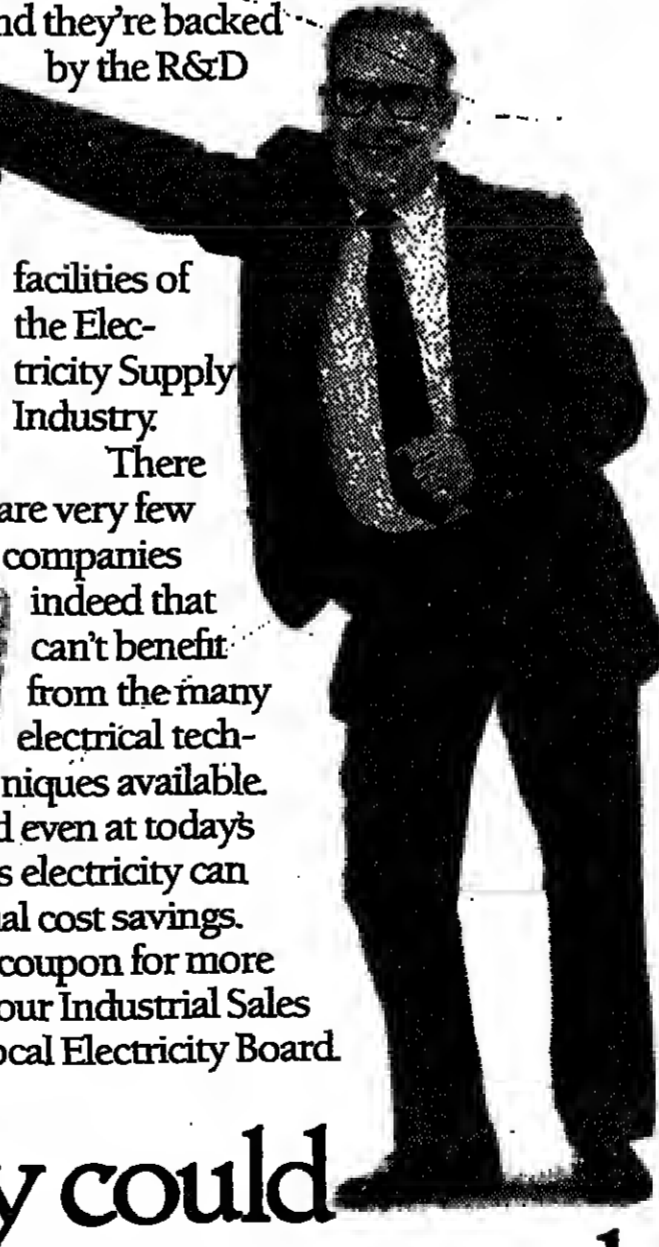
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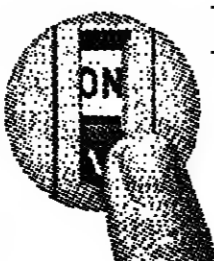


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Indians to fast for payments

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi

Eight Indian sugar technicians, accompanied by two wives and two children, plan to start a sit-in hunger strike at the Indian High Commission offices in Kampala today over payment of salaries and allowances which they say are more than 18 months' overdue.

They were recruited from India to work on the Ugandan sugar estates originally founded by the millionaire Madhvan family. The estates are now jointly owned by the Madhvanis (who were among the Asians expelled from Uganda in 1972) and the Uganda Government.

Major Krishna Swami, one of the technicians, said they were assured by the Uganda Government early last year that the payments would be settled. "Some of those who staged a hunger strike early last year have been paid - but 11 of us have not."

The group has appealed to the Indian Government, which is understood to have made representations to Uganda. But there have been two changes of government since the original promise to pay the technicians was made early last year.

Zhao has praise for Spain

From Harry Debitus
Madrid

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister congratulated Spain on its efforts "to promote disarmament on the part of the United States and Soviet Union" at a dinner in his honour in Madrid.

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, said Spain and China shared similar views on East-West dialogue, Central Africa, the Middle East and South Africa. The dinner on Monday ended the first day of Mr Zhao's four-day visit.

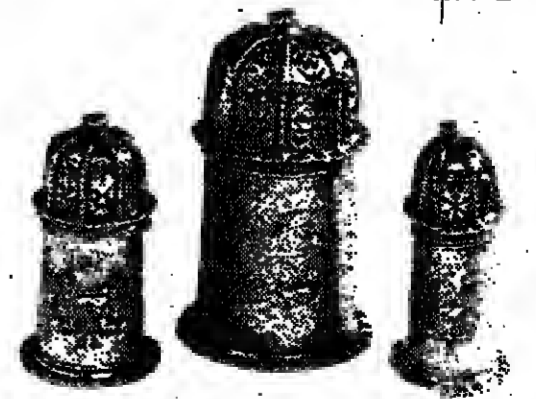
Yesterday he was the guest of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia at Luchochoo also attended by Señor González, Señor Franco Fernández Ordóñez, the Foreign Minister, and members of Mr Zhao's party.

Officials of the two countries are holding talks. The Chinese hope to increase export to Spain, which totalled only about £30 million last year, compared with Spanish exports to China of about £360 million. Madrid hopes to pick up industrial contracts for joint ventures in China, pending make up for two projects agreed but later cancelled in Peking.

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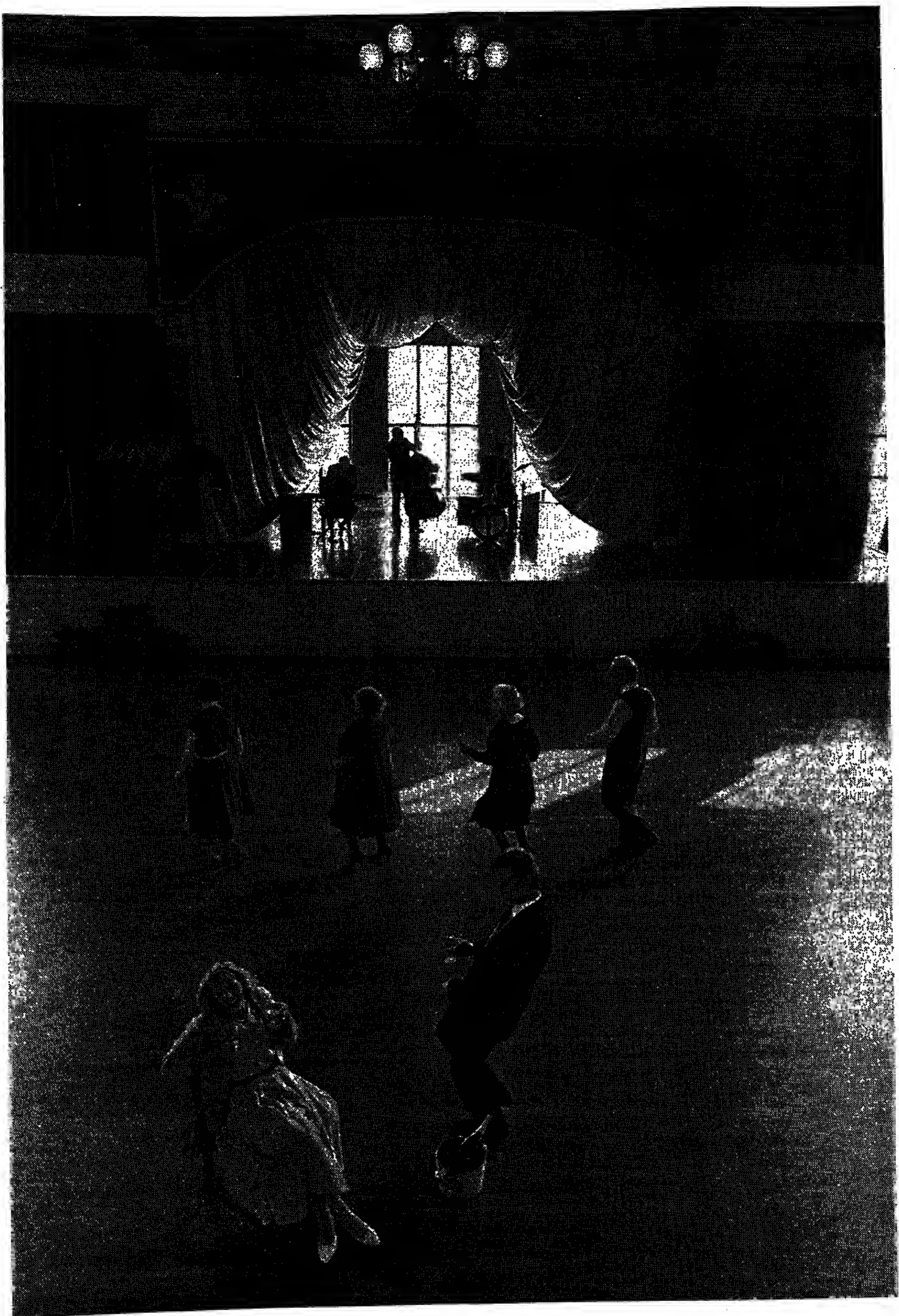
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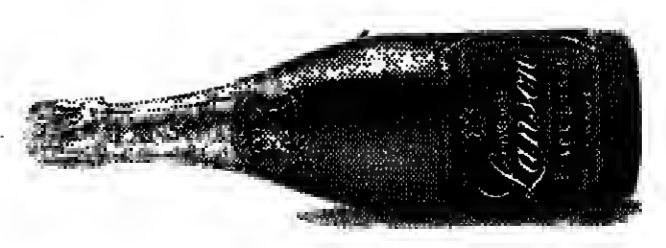
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Consultants, managers, lawyers — Tories to a woman — were in London yesterday for a High Flyers conference. Alison Miller caught the mood

Pearl talk and the party line

Just before I am in the Park Lane Hotel, a policewoman waves ultra-violet at my pass, a neatly pressed security man from Conservative Central Office vacuums me with a metal detector and another sniffs me with an expensive-looking thing that isn't a dog and doesn't appear to register Chanel.

This is the morning of *High Flyers 2*, the second gathering of Tory female success stories. Ten managing directors, 15 solicitors, 21 company directors, 10 teachers, 16 technology consultants, four barristers and 13 "managerial" (unspecified) are expected.

Downstairs in the ballroom, Tania Greenfield, aged 20, who works as a secretary in the commercial department of a Bournemouth estate agency, has managed to get in without being checked at all. Ah, well.

"Nuclear disarmament gets me going," she says. "This country is a lot safer with them."

Across the room sits Elizabeth Plant, aged 28, a barrister, wearing a pin-stripe suit and a floppy silk bow tie over gold chains. She is self-possessed. I ask her if she ever has doubts. "Doubts? What about?" she says.

This is the first time she has been to a gathering of Tory women and, like a number of those present, she has political ambitions. They are not yet as clearly defined as those of pretty 21-year-old Sarah Quinlan, a student at Manchester University.

"I think it's a total anathema that politicians are part-time," she says. "They turn up in the morning when they feel like it and then go off to do their law. Running the country is the most important business there can be. Not all of them are woolly — but unfortunately a lot of the ones that are are Conservative."

She has applied to become a candidate. "My family are apolitical. They wanted me to be a solicitor and they're not that keen about a career in politics."

And Mrs Thatcher? "I think she's wonderful. She's a qualified barrister, she's got a chemistry degree. She's made it in every sphere, really, hasn't she? Just by her example she's shown us we can do it — and that, I should imagine, is why a lot of women are here."

Emma Nicholson, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, wearing blue silk couture with Dollars shoulder pads, a single string of pearls, and pearl studs in her ears, is the candidate for Devon West and Torridge, which she will take over from Sir Peter Mills, who is retiring. Her hair — thick, dark, decidedly defined — frames unblinking eyes of doll-like clarity. She is 44 and single.

"I think it's become much easier for women to retain their femininity and yet be successful", she asserts. "If one thinks back to, say, the

1920s, which is the very first time women were allowed to become doctors, they more or less faded into the background as women (not as professionals) because in order to be decently obscure they rather appeared men in their dress and their habits. Today a lot of that has changed.

"Of course, in certain professions you must dress appropriately. When people go to see a doctor, they don't feel all that happy if she is dressed up as a hippy or has punk hair. If they were going to see a woman minister — which at the moment would only be a Methodist minister in Britain, alas — they would expect to see someone soberly dressed, but I suggest that is more related to the profession than the extinction of their femininity.

"It's tough for women at home with children", she concedes. "In today's world — I'm seeing it from the outside, because I have no children and I'm not at home — it seems a very confining role."

Real freedom for women, she believes, is economic freedom. "Reform of personal taxation should put the married woman on an equal footing with everyone in Britain."

By now the ballroom is filling up with women — none wearing hats, a lot wearing pearls, some conventional graded three-tier jobs, others modern mixtures. Jennifer Rawlings is aged 32 and the managing director of a publishing company. She walks with difficulty, using crutches. She had polio as a child. "The number of times I have been overlooked as an employee because people think, 'Oh, she's got to have this, she's got to have that.' From the knee down it's knackered, but for my working life it doesn't matter at all."

There is some tick-tack from the back of the room to Nicholson, indicating the arrival of the chairman of the Conservative Party. A large man in a shiny grey suit, with a red label, positions himself by the only open exit.

"In this non-sexist, non-discriminatory world, I have been taking advantage of the traditional woman's right to be a little late this morning", Norman Tebbit tells his audience. "Do forgive me."

He keeps up the banter. "I thought actually I disagreed with you on one point about the number of married women who work these days. It was my understanding as a husband that all married women had always worked in any case."

"All of you here today share the distinction of achievement in your different fields", he says, warming to the theme. "Flying high is not just good for you personally, it's good for the country as well. Without ambition, hard work, enterprise and innovation, we would not be able to continue our task of putting the Great back into Great Britain."



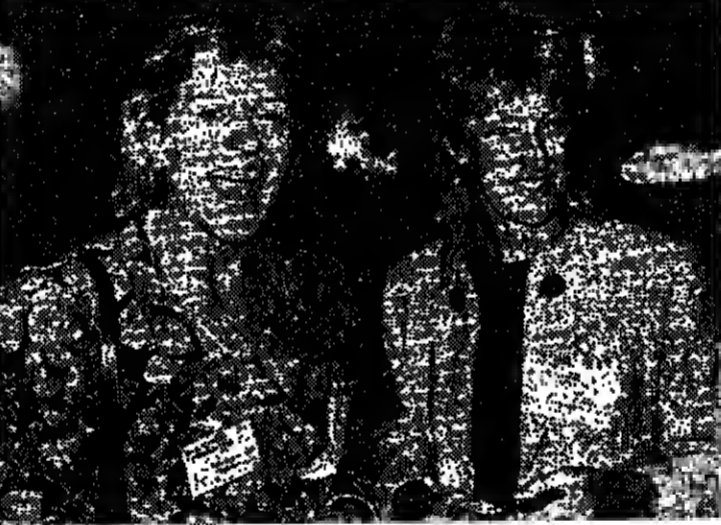
Josephine Rudd (right), who trained as a solicitor after bringing up her family, now has her own practice in Slough, where she specializes in matrimonial law. Josephine is talking to Emma Nicholson, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, and Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Mr Lamont is explaining how the Government's Green Paper on the reform of personal taxation will work out in practice



Selling point: Maureen Fitzgerald is the European sales manager for an American computer company. She is the only woman European manager in a company with an £11.5 million annual turnover. Her road to success began when she was at Bowater-Scott, the paper group



Lobby lady: Evie Soames, of Charles Barker, Watney and Powell, political consultants. She has been with the firm for 15 years, has recently been appointed joint managing director, and is one of a new breed of women in high-powered parliamentary lobbying positions



Stocks and trade: Noel Rmschewyh (left) is an international stockbroker. Having trained as an art historian, she quickly returned to the City when she realized how much better it paid. She is talking to Lesley Bell, marketing director of Wordpex word processing systems



Message merchants: Adele Biss (right), co-founder of Biss Lancaster, a public relations firm, talking to Anne Strutt, a parliamentary consultant with G.J.W. Government Relations. Adele started her business eight years ago; Anne has been with G.J.W. for two years

Not fair to these patients

TALKBACK

From Dr P.G. McGrath, Heathermount Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire

It is a pity that Marjorie Wallace should write an illustrative piece on John Hinckley, the would-be assassin of President Reagan (Spectrum, July 1). This cannot but strengthen the association in the public mind between schizophrenia and extremely violent crime, to the detriment of the many, many, thousands of schizophrenics who are cared for in the community or who are still in hospital by default of community care.

Such association is anecdotal only and based on notorious, historical cases such as Hadfield, Bellingham, and McNaughten. There is no statistically significant, much less causal, relationship between the disease schizophrenia and homicide. Perhaps the most authoritative basic text in psychiatry, *Clinical Psychiatry* by Eliot Slater and Martin Roth (Baillière, Tindall, London 1972), says categorically: "The actual number of crimes committed by established schizophrenics is relatively small" and Dr Henry Rollin, in *The Mentally Abnormal Offender and the Law* (Pergamon Press 1969), associates schizophrenic status with minor acquisitive and social offences.

Certainly, there are a few hundred schizophrenics in the special hospitals at Broadmoor, Rampton and Park Lane but there are half a million others who need understanding and support.

From Mrs Anne R. Bradford, Lyonsdown Avenue, New Barns, Herefordshire

It is not always lack of finance which leads to a shortage of textbooks in schools (Monday Page, July 7) but the infuriating fact that educational publishers cease to issue long-established textbooks in favour of something newer, leaving schools with the option of sharing copies between students, illegally photocopying texts or finding large amounts of money to replace entire stocks when only a few copies are really needed.

From H.E. Bell, Office of the Registrar, Reading University

Gail Penney (First Person, July 11) is muddled. Exeter University is not removing degree classifications but simply not referring to them at the degree ceremony. So there is no question of abandoning academic standards. Reading University has followed the more human practice for very many years. Anyone who wishes can consult the lists. But why risk spoiling the day for parents, friends and students, whose sacrifice, support and effort may need to be measured by some quite different scale?

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Surgeons caught in the jobs queue

You might think, as I once did, that only a madman or a fool would find himself in a position where, after 12 years of training and working 110 hours a week with poor financial rewards, he was still uncertain of getting a secure post in his chosen profession. Yet my husband and many other junior surgeons are in just that situation.

If the present Government had responded more quickly to the increase in the number of junior doctors waiting for senior registrar posts, my husband would have been spared the difficulties of the past few years.

Seven years ago he took the final part of his fellowship exams to the Royal College of Surgeons. At the time we knew that his further surgical training would require two years as a junior registrar — a long apprenticeship, perhaps, but definitely worthwhile in terms of the academic interest it provided and the contribution he could make to the health service.

The first hurdle was not difficult to overcome. Of course the hours were long and the financial rewards poor, but neither of us expected it to be easy. What we failed to take into account was the increase in the number of junior doctors now turning to general surgery as their chosen speciality. Because of this, a subtle change was taking place in their training.

It has been the practice for some time for senior registrars to undertake a research project and produce a thesis, usually devoting one year to this exercise. However, in order to solve the problem of the growing numbers of junior

COMMENT

New proposals for a sub-consultant hospital grade will do nothing to mollify angry young doctors

doctors waiting for promotion to senior registrar, many of them were first taken on as research fellows at the teaching hospitals — despite the scarcity of funds for such projects and the uncertain prospects after this. My husband was expected to do likewise.

During this time they took a drop in salary, which meant that many of them had to take on locum work in their spare time. My husband was expected to do locum work on a laboratory bench, where he spent two years working on his research project.

During this time the cuts in the number of senior registrar posts were implemented. Those who had finished their research were therefore expected to do locum jobs or find posts at a grade for which they were now overtrained.

My husband joined this pool more than a year ago. He is lucky; he has, at the moment, a permanent job. Saturday mornings bring a moment of morningness where he is usually hoping as he scans the appointment column in the *British Medical Journal*, but rarely

most of which have until recently been in orthopaedics, an area of low priority in terms of emergency work. The growing numbers of patients waiting for general surgical beds will almost certainly receive scant attention, and again both general surgeons and patients will suffer. My special plea is for those in pain and for those struggling, hope against hope, to survive in their chosen profession.

Iwould like to put my name to this article. Unfortunately, I am unable to do this. It has always been an unspoken ethic in my husband's profession that you put up with every hardship without complaining. Despite the fact that I know he is good with patients and possesses a keen aptitude for his work, if I were to sign this article under my own name it would make more difficulties for him. Such stoicism has done the profession no good in the past, and does it an injustice now.

Even after the years of waiting and the long hours of separation, I am convinced that a post will be found for my husband. The work is rewarding, both in human and professional terms, and despite the disruptions in our personal lives we would not have it any other way.

But as I sit here on yet another night of his on-duty rota I am sure that the Government can find a more acceptable solution to the problem, and make a concrete and sincere gesture to show my husband and hundreds of other junior surgeons that their efforts and their devotion to duty have been appreciated by their employers and, ultimately, the general public whom they are trying to help.

But it is doubtful that this

proposal will reduce the growing numbers of newly qualified doctors who now appear to choose general practice in preference to hospital medicine. In any case, the medical profession has always raised strong objections to the suggestion in the past. And it seems a paltry offering to those who, like my husband, have undergone intensive training and a long period of uncertainty; neither the pay nor the conditions of the new grade would equal those in general practice.

It seems likely that the politicians, mindful of the next election, will turn their attention to the longest waiting lists

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Now a puffer pulls out

Yet another withdrawal from Edinburgh — a steam locomotive this time.

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Tory MP John Heddle claims he could not but overhear a snatch of dialogue between Glenys Kinock and two Labour workers on the train taking them to campaign in the Newcastle-under-Lyme by-election the other day.

Body count

When the final cost of launching the Rover 800 is added up, more than a few embarrassing extras may have to be written off as "extraordinary expenditure".

Job lot

Liverpool Liberals are eagerly awaiting the result of this week's appeal against disqualification by 47 Labour councillors for "wilful misconduct".

Howzat?

My prediction that the Foreign Office would have a bruising time at the hands of the Commonwealth Secretariat on the cricket pitch of Blenheim last weekend showed lamentable lack of patriotism.

Errata

Trivial Pursuit grows ever bolder, if less accurate. Yesterday, as the fourth British edition was launched aboard a paddle-steamer on the Thames, one of the two question compilers, Ray Loud,

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Could the Queen stay silent?

The deep disagreement between Commonwealth governments over South Africa exposes a hiatus in the well-knit constitutional cloak which protects the Queen from exposure to the harsh winds of political conflict.

George Hill considers the royal role should the Commonwealth face disintegration

divisive question should ever come obsessively to dominate the Commonwealth's attention. After 34 years on the throne, the Queen necessarily has a more extensive acquaintance with the leaders of Commonwealth countries than any British politician, and great authority in the Commonwealth's informal councils — an authority which is also dependent on a body of common interest between members, or a readiness not to press divisive points to an extreme.

Abroad, she takes care to speak within the ambit of government policy. If any of her words or actions have political overtones, the prime minister has customarily rallied round and declared that she spoke on advice, even though she didn't.

But she is in fact 17 queens in one person, and more besides. As far as the Commonwealth can be embodied or conceivable as a political entity at all, she embodies and expresses it.

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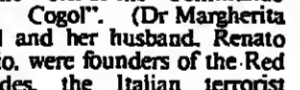
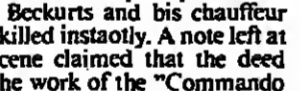
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Victims of separate terrorist movements but with the same aim: left, an Italian police driver machine-gunned to death by the Red Brigades in 1980. Right, the West German 'Star Wars' executive Karl-Heinz Beckurts, killed by a remote-control bomb near Munich last week



capitalist Resistance in Western Europe. Its conclusions included the following: "The penetration of metropolitan society by hi-tech is an introduction of a new dimension in imperialist domination"; and "The large electronic motor and computer corporations will get their claws into anything that is expansionist in hi-tech areas".

Landings that make the landed livid

There was a lot of hot air at the recent Royal Show. I am not referring to the sweating temperatures nor to the profusion of advertising, sales talk and general hyperbole. I am talking about balloons.

inflated, doing my best to avoid being incinerated by the torch. I was invited to dive into the basket alongside a young lady from BBC Radio West Midlands, who was eagerly recording all the goings on, and the pilot, Philip, described as one of the most knowledgeable and experienced balloonists in Britain.

Philip was clearly unhappy about something, possibly the weather or the fact that there seemed to be too many balloonists jostling for the same bit of air space, and gave vent to his feelings in a manner which did not exactly inspire confidence. Our flight turned out to be disappointingly short, possibly because part of the balloon caught fire just as we were leaving the ground. I had supposed that the material was flame proof, not so, it appears.

part of a balloonist's equipment, a tradition dating from the time when the French pioneers of the sport found themselves landing in outlandish places like Germany and Switzerland, where the natives drank only beer and schnapps, and so made a point of taking their own supplies of civilized drink.

Keith Hampson The right mix for Baker

There are two fs in politics: feel and fair. Few ministers have both. Sir Keith Joseph didn't. Michael Heseltine did. And so does Kenneth Baker. In a few short weeks Baker has revived Tory morale.

It is a relief that more money has been found for the new schools exam, and Baker might get even more — such are the advantages of being the new man, coping with politically sensitive issues insensitively handled.

The politics of education are concerned principally with the schools, but Baker could do both himself and his party a lot of good by viewing higher education more generously.

Here lies the importance of student loans, which should not be seen as a means of economizing. They are the road to an overdue liberalizing and expansion of higher education.

Talk of loans invariably produces a knee-jerk reaction from the National Union of Students, which sees any renewed discussion of them as being a conspiracy by reactionary Tories.

It would be desirable if the commercial banks could be used for even part of a scheme — for example in the case of mature students with assets of their own — with the government guaranteeing a percentage of the interest on loans for the rest.

The author is Conservative MP for Leeds North West

moreover... Miles Kington Côtes of many callers

The first thing you notice about France is that every part of it has been given a label designed to attract the visitor. The French Riviera, the Côte d'Azur, these are the famous labels which make France into designer landscapes.

Every road is the Route or Chemin de something. The road up Normandy to Cherbourg isn't just the Cherbourg Road, it's the Voie de Liberation along which the Americans poured in 1944.

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THE ARTS

LOEWEY American theme

Television Blind to reality

Sonyama Pei (ITV), a documentary about the new Nissan car plant near Sunderland...

It ought to have been impossible to make a bad film about 25 men of the North-East travelling to the colossal Nissan plant in Yokohama...

The major topic of discussion was whether our bonny lands were going to eat raw fish. And the commentary contained a subtle, but unmistakable, xenophobia.

The Yokohama plant produces almost half a million cars a year and the British vehicles annually by the end of this decade, creating 3,000 jobs...

The subject required authoritative industrial reporting. In its place was an hour of economic black propaganda.

Celia Brayfield

This week Sir Colin Davis (right) comes to the end of his 15-year residence as music director of the Royal Opera House; there have been good times and bad, but now the moment has come for pure music-making rather than the cares of administration: interview by John Higgins

A chance to pursue freedom afresh

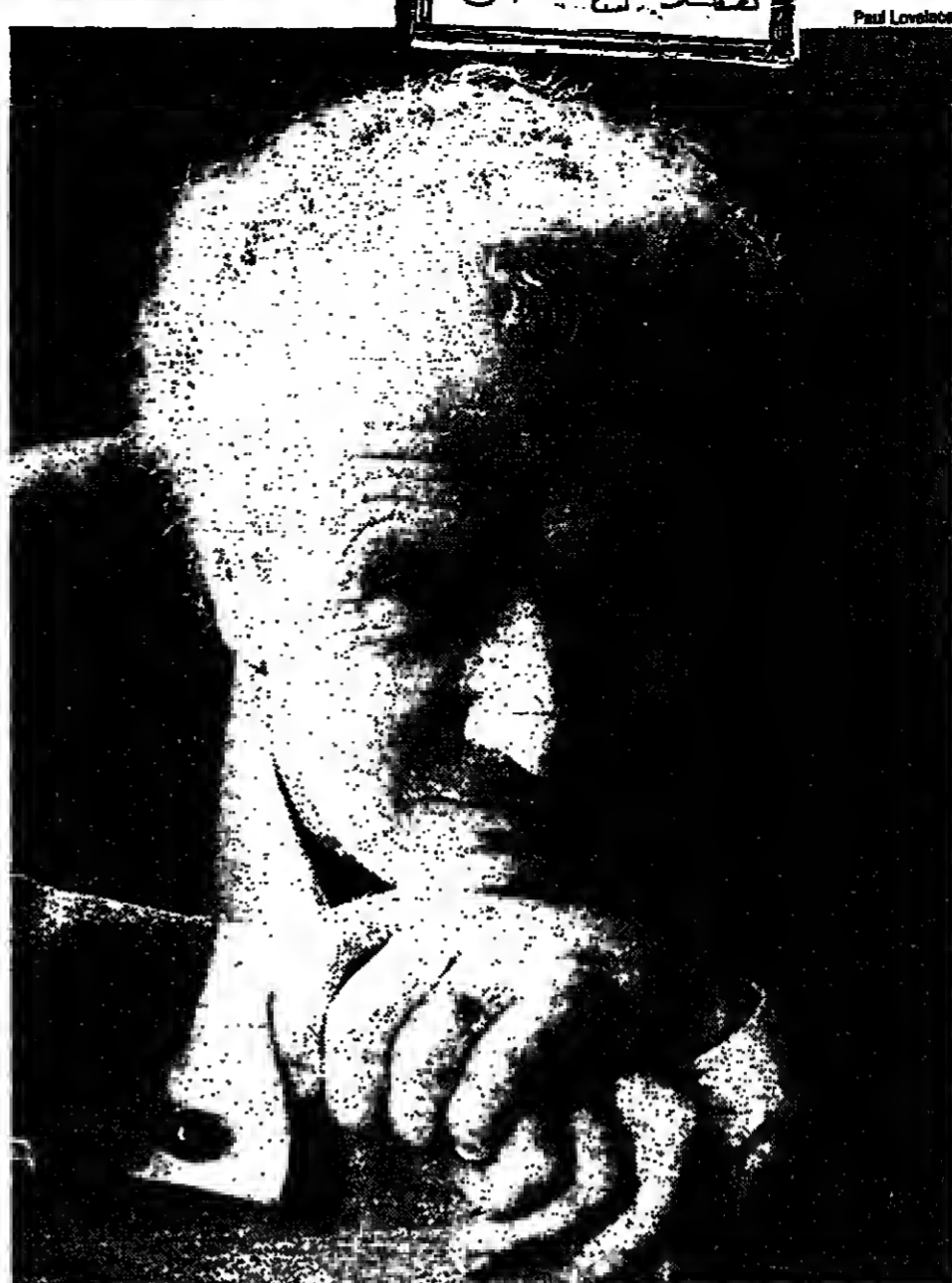
Next Saturday Sir Colin Davis ends his stay as music director of Covent Garden, a term that has lasted 15 years. True to character, he goes out to a final production, of Beethoven's Fidelio, full of controversy.

as I am concerned it's an ideal way to say goodbye. If I were to have one parting wish it would be for lowering of seat prices at Covent Garden, and the Proms are the nearest we will get to it.

Fifteen years is a long time to stay at one house and Davis during this period has done little operatic work outside London. His career at Covent Garden fits neatly into three spans: five years weathering the initial storms, five years building and five years enjoying the rewards.

On the dramatic side Davis was less fortunate. The partnership with Peter Hall that started with The Knot Garden fell apart when Hall went off to the National. Goetz Friedrich was the next in line and together they quite literally forged The Ring in the mid-Seventies. Then the marriage ended in messy divorce.

"Yes, at the time I was terribly upset. There was a straightforward clash of temperaments and cultures. I'm mighty relieved that the whole thing has now been happily resolved." Nevertheless, that Ring has to count among the major achievements of the Davis era, along with Grimes, Il Trovatore, Tristan, Samson and Meistersinger. Davis himself



Paul Lovelock

Rock Volume up again

Eric Clapton N.E.C., Birmingham

It has been a long time since Eric Clapton played in a quartet, but, coincidentally, on the same night that his former boss John Mayall made a rare appearance in London...

As they powered into a weighty version of Cream's "White Room" and then played a perfectly compatible new song, "Want to Make Love to You", the indications were that Clapton had come full-circle. Having been a guitarist for so long to play down his heavy rock antecedents, he has brought his guitar back into the spotlight...

Phillinganes, who has played to Steve Wonder's Wonderlove and George Benson's band, and East session player for so long to play down his heavy rock antecedents, he has brought his guitar back into the spotlight...

But there was a nagging impression of a promising collection of talents being underemployed in the service of this material. Clapton would never get away with omitting "Cocaine" and "Layla" from his set, but to hire a band like this to play "Sunshine of Your Love" and "Crossroads" seemed somewhat unadventurous...

Concert Nash Ensemble St John's/Radio 3

Monday's audience at St John's, Smith Square, and radio listeners at home heard the first performance of a BBC commission calculated to avoid any lunchtime dyspepsia, either physical or intellectual.

Malcolm Lipkio's Quintet for flute, oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon was written to celebrate the playing of the Nash Ensemble. But it stretches them to nowhere near their capacity, and has all the marks of a painstaking exercise, dutifully and honestly carried through, rather than of music which demanded to be written.

It was to the credit of the Nash that they played every note and phrased every phrase as if it were the music they loved best in the world. But a dour little tune, whose rhythmic and melodic being is dissected to provide matter for four variations, is too much of a non-starter in itself.

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Dance Young love movingly done

Romeo and Juliet Coliseum

London Festival Ballet is back in town for a five-week season, but because of the lack of a real theatre for dance (roll on the Lyceum and the improved Sadler's Wells, please) it has to be split between the Coliseum and the Festival Hall.

There could be no better choice for the opening night than Ashton's Romeo and Juliet, easily the most beautiful of the four British productions in its dance invention and the most touching in its presentation of doomed young love.

Theatre Effective casting

The Miss Firecracker Contest Greenwich

I missed Beth Henley's play when it appeared four years ago at the Bush Theatre. And, as the Bush launches so much good work which then sinks without trace, I am sorry to greet this revival of Simon Stokes's production as a sad let-down.

Part of the trouble lies in the snappy title. Relating to a beauty contest in small-town Mississippi, it carries a promise of aggressive vitality, brass bands, snapping garters and all the gleaming competitiveness of an American public event.

Theatre Effective casting

John Percival

powerfully, with springy rhythm, in his big solo at the Capulet's ball: one of many examples where Ashton's production offers dancing where other versions rely on mime.

It was good to see again Kirsten Ralov's kind, sympathetic Lady Capulet. All these solo roles will have other interpreters during the season. The supporting ensemble remains much the same throughout, and it is encouraging that the dancers look both lively and cohesive.

Theatre Effective casting

Irving Wardle

is to wangle his ears; by Act II even that talent has deserted him.

Perhaps studio production brought the piece into clearer focus. On the Greenwich stage, the play looks fearfully exposed, and forever promising that things are finally going to get moving. Lonely as they look, the company yodel to fine effect with their southern vowels; and the casting of Gayle Hunnicutt, as a languishing firecracker of yesterday, and Sandra Dickinson as Carmelle, lumbering through a tap routine to "The Star Spangled Banner", is spot on.

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BERLIN & BEYOND FROM BERLIN TO BROADWAY... WITH THE SONGS AND TIMES OF KURT WELLS

A very promising 2 year old carrying a little over weight THE GAMBLER

THE ARTIST'S EYE PATRICK CAULFIELD THE NATIONAL GALLERY

10th Anniversary production of SIDE by SIDE by SONDHEIM... UNTIL 24 AUGUST

Steel confident of merger after election

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, issued a confident prediction yesterday that the two Alliance parties would merge after the next general election.

parties' joint commission on defence was trying to reach a compromise on the issue.

Mr Steel emphasized yesterday that the Alliance should be considered before the election. "But we should go into the election in the glad expectation that within the next Parliament we will define the constitutional shape of our common future."

Mr Steel said that he had used the word "union" rather than "merger" because he wanted to retain a proud sense of Liberal and Social democratic identity within the Alliance, rather than obliterate them for the sake of uniformity.

He added: "Nevertheless, even the wider union I look for can only be achieved if there is an underlying cohesion of purpose."

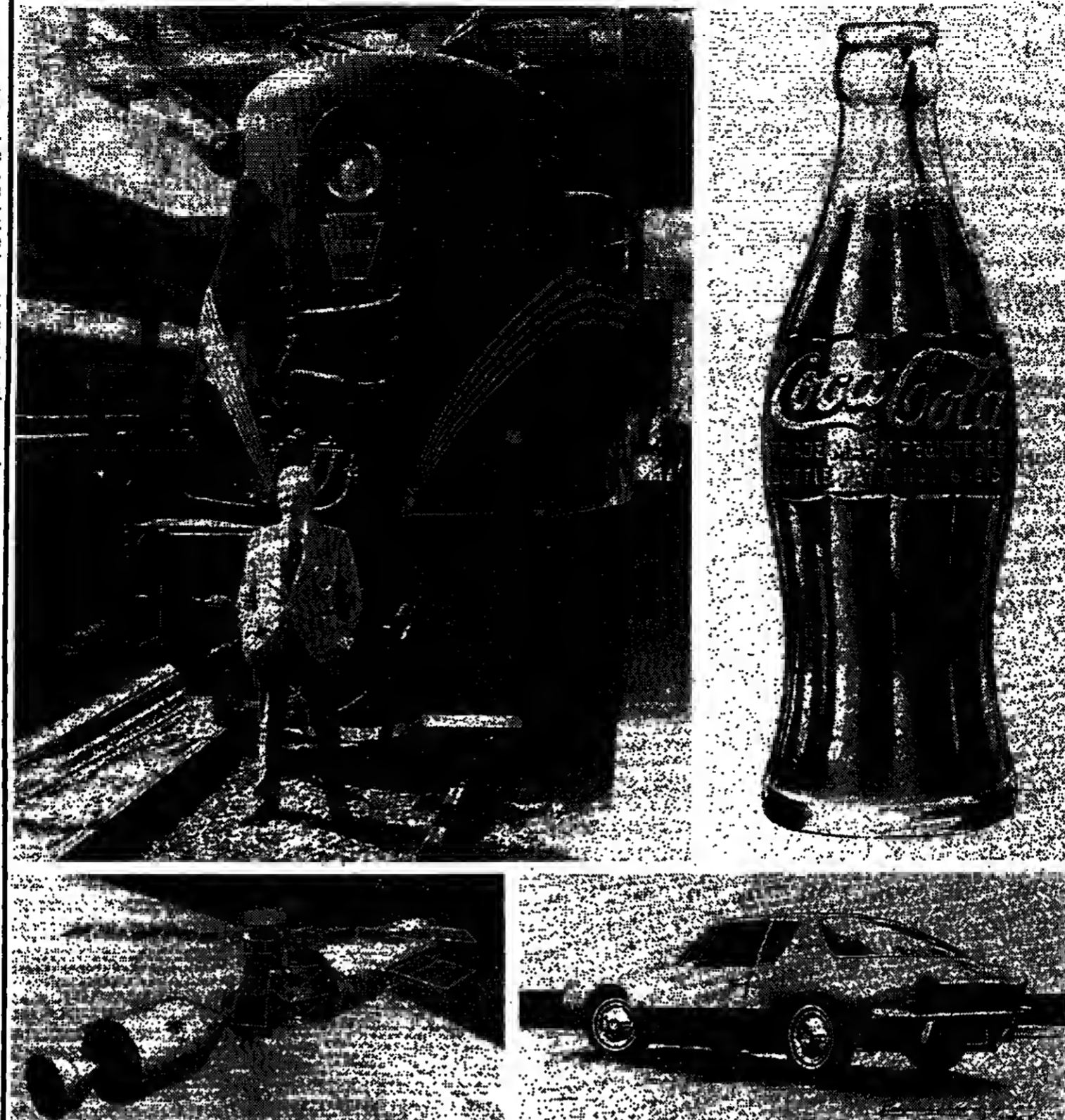
His remarks, at a National Liberal Club lunch in London, represented his strongest statement in favour of merger since the Alliance was formed.

Mr Steel confirmed that the Alliance was going to put forward a joint front-bench "team for government" before the next election, a move on which Dr Owen is in full agreement.

Crowds for Alliance, page 2

Small steps for mankind - from Coca-Cola bottles to space capsules

Loewy's life-long war on clumsy design



Raymond Loewy with his GG-1 electric locomotive designed in the 1930s; his Coca-Cola bottle, probably the best known of all his creations; his Skylab interior, commissioned by NASA in 1967; and his Studebaker Avanti, in production during the 1950s.



Mr Raymond Loewy, the founding father of American industrial design, who designed thousands of products over the past 60 years as diverse as toothbrushes, the Coca-Cola bottle and the interior of the Skylab space orbiter, died on Sunday at his home in Monaco at the age of 92 (Nicholas Beston writes).

A Freochman who emigrated to the United States after the First World War, Mr Loewy embarked on his career in 1929 when he designed the Gestener duplicating machine in three days - a model that was manufactured unchanged for 28 years.

As founder and head of the world's largest industrial design company, Raymond Loewy Associates, he revolutionized design in the US before and after the Second World War, altering the shape of numerous everyday products to close the gap that existed between the quality of American products and their clumsy, ugly appearance.

He is perhaps best known in Britain for his design of soft-drink bottles for Coca-Cola, the emblem for Pepsodent toothpaste, Lucky Strike cigarettes, and the Hillman Californian car and the emblem for Cadillac Black Label beer.

In the US his designs covered a wide range of products, including Studebaker cars - the Gold Nose, the Fairlane, and the Avanti - manufactured from 1936 to 1963, the first welded locomotive, the 1935 Coldspot refrigerator and the emblems for Shell and Exxon.

In 1967 the American space agency, NASA asked him to design the interior of the Skylab orbiter.

At the time Mr Loewy said his main contribution was to insist on a large porthole for the astronauts to see out of and to create as much comfort and privacy as possible for the cramped crew on board the space capsule.

The designer, who claimed to have coined the word "streamline", was often at loggerheads with American car manufacturers, whom he accused of designing "heavy, vulgar and clumsy" automobiles.

He began his career in New York as a fashion illustrator for Vogue and Harper's Bazaar and moved on to design department stores, before founding and expanding his design company.

Mr Loewy, who continued designing until his health began to fail in 1981 and he moved to Monaco, described his artistic maxim as "good design keeps the user happy, the manufacturer in the black and the aesthete unoffended."

He once described the upward curve on a sales chart as "the most beautiful thing I have seen". **Obituary, page 18**

A vertical column of financial and market-related information on the far right edge of the page. It includes sections for 'EXECUTIVE EDITOR Kenneth Fleet', 'STOCK MARKET', 'THE POUND', 'Meggitt in £88.3m bid', 'Outback by Brengreen', and 'HAT decline'. The text is small and dense, providing various market figures and news snippets.

Fears of clash with Queen on sanctions

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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events, Royal engagements, and The Queen Crossword Puzzle No 17,099. The crossword puzzle grid is partially filled with numbers, and a short piece of text describes the puzzle's difficulty level.

Books - hardback. A list of book titles and authors, including 'The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week' and 'The Duke of Kent opens the C.A.P./C.A.M. Data Exchange'. Prices are listed for each item.

The pound. A table with three columns: Bank, Bank, and Bank. It lists various banks and their exchange rates. Below the table is a section for 'Roads' with information about traffic closures and road works.

Weather forecast. A section titled 'Weather forecast' with a sub-heading 'A depression to the W of Ireland is expected to deepen considerably as it moves NE near Northern Ireland and NW Scotland...'. It includes a '6 am to midnight' forecast and a map of the British Isles showing weather patterns.

High Tides. A table with five columns: TODAY, AM, HT, PM, FT. It lists tide times for various locations across the United Kingdom, including Aberdeen, London, and Plymouth.

Around Britain. A table with three columns: Sun, Rain, Max. It provides a daily weather forecast for various regions around Britain, including the East Coast, South Coast, and South West.

Parliament today. A list of legislative business for the day, including 'Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on South Africa and on poverty among the elderly' and 'Lords (2.30): Public Order Bill, committee, first day'.

Portfolio Gold. An advertisement for a gold portfolio service. It describes the service as a way to invest in gold and provides information on how to apply, including details about the portfolio's composition and the benefits of gold as an investment.

Lighting up time. A table showing sunrise and sunset times for various locations in the UK. It includes columns for 'Sun rises', 'Sun sets', 'Moon rises', and 'Moon sets'. Locations listed include London, Bristol, and Cardiff.

Anniversaries. A list of historical and cultural anniversaries occurring during the week. It includes names of figures and events, such as 'Births: Andrea del Sarto, painter, Florence, 1486' and 'Deaths: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII, London, 1537'.

STOCK MARKETS. A section providing a snapshot of stock market performance across various international markets, including the FTSE 100, Nikkei, and Hang Seng. It lists the market names, current values, and percentage changes.

INTEREST RATES. A table listing interest rates for various financial products and markets. It includes columns for market names, current rates, and percentage changes. Markets mentioned include the New York, London, and Tokyo markets.

Solution to Puzzle No 17,098. A grid-based puzzle solution, likely a crossword or word search. It shows a grid of letters with some letters highlighted in bold. Below the grid are the answers to the puzzle's clues, such as 'ACROSS 1 All-round figure could be right (5)', '2 Pin-up girl's coiffeur (10)', etc.

Pollen count. Information from the Asthma Research Council regarding pollen counts. It discusses the pollen count for London and other areas, and provides advice on what to do if you are sensitive to pollen. It mentions that the pollen count was 27 (low) on the previous day.

Abroad. A section providing news and information from various international locations. It includes headlines and short articles from around the world, covering topics like 'MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fog; f, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; i, thunder' and 'Abasco 1 26 77 Cologne 1 27 80 Malaga 1 28 81 Seville 1 29 82'.

CURRENCIES. A table listing exchange rates for various international currencies. It includes columns for the base currency (usually the US Dollar), the foreign currency, and the exchange rate. Currencies listed include the Japanese Yen, the British Pound, and the German Mark.

STOCK MARKETS. A table showing the performance of various stock indices. It lists the index name, the current value, and the percentage change from the previous day. Indices mentioned include the FTSE 100, Nikkei, and Hang Seng.

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Britain and Russia settle £900m feud

By Richard Lander
The United Kingdom and the Soviet Union have finally settled a 69-year-old dispute over £900 million of assets seized by the Soviet government at the time of the Bolshevik Revolution. However holders of Russian bonds and other goods taken in 1917 can expect to receive only a fraction of the £82 billion that the assets are estimated to be worth today.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1302.6 (-7.3)
FT-SE 100 1597.0 (-4.3)
Bargains 28,183
USM (Datastream) 124.95 (-1.02)
THE POUND
US Dollar 1.4937 (+0.0107)
W German mark 3.2358 (-0.0005)
Trade-weighted 73.7 (+0.3)

Meggitt in £88.3m bid

Meggitt Holdings, one of a new breed of fast growing conglomerates, yesterday launched an £88.3 million bid for Bestobell, a larger engineering company. BTR, which has a substantial stake in Bestobell, is supporting the bid and will own 25 per cent of Meggitt if the bid is successful. Bestobell promptly rejected the bid as "unwelcome and unwanted".

Cutback by Brengreen

Brengreen (Holdings) is to close its health care division after reporting pretax profits of £2.03 million for the year to March 29 (£3.03 million). Losses of £537,000 on the division have also been taken below the line.

FH Lloyd up

FH Lloyd, the steel and engineering group, made pretax profits in the year to March 29 of £2.1 million, compared with £1.4 million. The total dividend is being raised from 2.5p to 3.7p.

HAT decline

Pretax profits at HAT Group, the painting contractor and cleaning company, slipped from £11.5 million to £11.1 million in the year to February 28. Turnover was up from £232 million to £240 million. The final dividend is unchanged at 1.9p, making a total of 3.8p (3.7p).

Savoy deal

The Lygon Arms at Broadway in the Cotswolds, one of Britain's most celebrated hotels, has been bought for £4.75 million in cash by the Savoy group. It is the group's first country property.

Correction

Sekers International has pointed out that the company did not have a bid approach in May, as stated in yesterday's Times, and no discussions about a possible offer were held with another party.

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New York 1781.21 (-12.24)
Tokyo 17882.80 (+82.24)
Hong Kong 1764.13 (+24.20)
Amsterdam Gen 290.3 (-4.0)
Sydney: AO 1122.2 (-14.5)
Frankfurt 1845.5 (-30.3)
Brussels: General 697.65 (+75.19)
Paris: CAC 364.8 (-9.4)
Zurich: SKA General 515.10 (same)
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INTEREST RATES
Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank 10 1/8-1 1/8%
3-month Treasury Bills 9 3/4-10 1/8%
buying rate
Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 6 1/8%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.78-5.78%
30-year bonds 10 1/8-1 1/8%

CURRENCIES
London: £: \$1.4937
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E: Yen 236.29
E: Index: 73.7
New York: £: \$1.4950
E: Index: 113.3
ECU: ECU 0.659049
SDR: SDR 7.90702

Lawson's revised profit-pay plans welcomed by CBI

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent
The Chancellor of the Exchequer yesterday unveiled detailed proposals for linking pay to company profits. Tax relief worth £1.2 a month to the average employee may be made available to encourage the spread of profit-related pay schemes.

£16m suit over tin collapse

By Lawrence Lever
The Government is being sued for £16 million by one of the commodity brokers claiming to have lost money because of the collapse of the International Tin Council.

Wallrock expelled by Lloyd's

By Alison Eadie
The ruling council of Lloyd's insurance market has expelled Mr John Wallrock, former chairman of Minet Holdings, for his part in the PCW affair.

Call to end steel curbs

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent
Britain's main steel users have called on the European Commission to begin dismantling the panoply of restrictions covering EEC imports of steel products.

Food groups sold for £32m

By Richard Lander
Two food companies quoted on the unlisted securities market were swallowed up by larger companies yesterday in agreed takeover deals worth a total of £32.5 million.

Berkley in bid move

By Judith Hantley
Berkley House Group, the residential development company, is making a tender offer of 500p a share to obtain up to 18.8 per cent of the voting rights in Authority Investments, the property and investment banking company.

Industrial output falls sharply

By Our Economics Correspondent
Industrial production remains depressed, according to official figures yesterday. A sharp drop in energy output pushed industrial production down by 1.4 per cent in May.



Harry Goodman: flying 75 per cent more passengers

Bumper bookings for Intasan group

Mr Harry Goodman, the holiday entrepreneur, yesterday announced a bumper summer for his International Leisure Group, owner of Intasan, Britain's second largest tour operator.

TV-am oversubscribed

By Cliff Feltham
The £42.4 million offer-for-sale of TV-am, which closed yesterday, has been oversubscribed. City indications last night put the oversubscription at about 10 times.

Guinness board row put to vote

By Our Financial Staff
Wood Mackenzie, the Edinburgh-based stockbrokers, resigned as joint broker to Guinness yesterday in protest at the Guinness board's decision to scrap the holdings board that had been promised during the battle with Argyll to take over Distillers. Instead Guinness had installed Mr Ernest Saunders, its chief executive as chairman of its existing board.

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WALL STREET

Dow slide halted

New York (Agencies) - Share prices gained ground in early trading yesterday, to stand mixed, with blue chips lifted back above the 1,800 level by futures-related buying.

Table with columns for stock symbols (AMR, ASA, Allied Signal, etc.) and their respective prices and changes.

Flexibility sought in profit sharing

The proposals outlined by the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, for linking pay to profits, differ significantly from the outline described by him at the May National Economic Development Council meeting.

The following are extracts from the green paper: A scheme could cover the minimum period of one year or a longer period. Some employers might want to introduce schemes in which the size of the profit-related pay (PRP) pool would increase over a series of years, if profits remained unchanged, with the intention of increasing over these years the proportion of pay that was profit-related.

A scheme could operate at the group, independent company or subsidiary level, or for the whole or part of an unincorporated business. A key consideration would be the availability of separate audited profit figures for each employment unit which had a separate scheme.

There would be considerable discretion in setting a formula for calculating the size of a PRP pool. The main requirement would be that the formula would include a precise scheme which would ensure that the size of the PRP pool varied with profits.

PRP schemes might set a ceiling on the size of the payments or a minimum figure for profits (or "trigger") below which no PRP would be payable. Such conditions are frequently used in existing schemes.

Most companies produce audited accounts once a year, although some produce audited half-yearly accounts. Companies generally would probably choose to align the frequency of PRP pool determination with their present arrangements for producing audited accounts.

There would be a minimum size for the prospective PRP pool in order to justify the tax relief and the additional administrative work for employers and the Inland Revenue, as well as to promote the benefits of PRP.

Intasun profits should shine this summer

The City could end this year wild about Harry. After a difficult 1985 Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group, the Intasun holiday and hotel group, is sending off capacity flights to the sunshine leaving analysts penciling in forecasts of between £17 million and £19 million.

For the year just ended International Leisure finished with pretax profits of £23.5 million, in line with the forecast made at the time of the rights issue. This represented a fall of 5.2 per cent but, after stripping out the £14.7 million of profits from the sale of aircraft, the underlying fall in the profitability of the tour operating and airline business was much greater, down from £11.7 million to £8.8 million.

For the present trading period airline sales will be negligible but this year's holiday climate is different. International Leisure, thanks to a marketing campaign late last year, has increased bookings by about 75 per cent to 1.5 million. Whereas 40 per cent of passengers flew on discounted fares last year this has now fallen to 5 per cent. Combined with a reduction in costs, profits are set to show a substantial increase.

The group's Air Europe flight capacity has been fully contracted for the summer at higher margins and the three London hotels - offering more than 1,000 rooms - will begin to make an increasingly valuable contribution.

Intasun has also entered the German tour operating market, sending passengers to the Spanish sunspots. Mr Goodman is dismissing prospects of any price war on the back of this summer's capacity carryings, the operators will be raising prices by between 5 and 7 per cent. That still looks a reasonable deal for the consumer because the average 11 per cent cuts this year mean holidays will be cheaper than in 1985.

The holiday wars have consolidated the position of the industry leaders such as International Leisure and Thomson because customers have opted for the security of the majors at the expense of the smaller fry. They have also demonstrated the ability of International Leisure to cope with difficult conditions. But the stock market still views holiday shares with a degree of caution, hence the company's present modest rating. But it is difficult to see what could go wrong with the current year and the shares at 126p have their attractions.

Over the legacy of this diversification remains in the form of a highly geared balance sheet. The Houston sale gave rise to after-tax losses of £8.5 million, which HAT charged in a £8.92 million extraordinary item. In addition the company has had to write off £9.2 million goodwill, leaving shareholders' funds at about £35 million. At the year end net debt stood at more than £30 million but since then \$15 million (£10 million) has come in from the Houston disposal, leaving gearing at 60 per cent.

TEMPUS

F H Lloyd

F H Lloyd has not suffered by the unloading of Suter's 27.7 per cent stake. The shares bounced to a high of 71 1/2 pence yesterday on news of the 50 per cent rise in pretax profits, 6p above the price before the stake was placed.

The company did well last year, despite generally difficult market conditions. The steel foundries' operating profits rose by 24.6 per cent, helped by demand from the mining machinery industry post the miners' strike.

Operating profits at the steel mill, however, fell by nearly 19 per cent as the downturn in the oil industry hurt Lloyd's biggest customer. The £2.25 million now being spent on the mill will broaden its product range and increase output to 100,000 tonnes a year from 70,000.

The strongest performance in the group came from the engineering and services division, where operating profits rose by 77 per cent to £1.15 million. Lloyd is now well placed for further acquisitions. It is looking in the engineering and services area both in Britain and abroad. Its net cash position will, however, not force it into any acquisitions precipitously. Having seen off Suter, it does not believe its strong balance sheet makes it vulnerable.

The prospective p/e ratio of just over 9 and generous historic yield of 7.5 per cent make the shares attractive. HAT Group

Honesty is not enough to win friends in the City these days. Investors want sparkling short-term performance, which HAT is not giving them. HAT openly admits that its investment in property was a mistake and it has now sold its remaining stake in a Houston development. However, the directors say the cleaning business did well last year, but without a breakdown of profits its importance is difficult to gauge. It claims to have avoided most of the problems of its competitors though it did lose money on a foray into hospital cleaning. At 86p the shares are trading on 8 times historic earnings and yield 6.2 per cent. They are unlikely to regain their former glamour rating for some time.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table listing Canadian stock prices for various companies like Alcan, Inco, and others.

COMPANY NEWS

- COOKSON GROUP: The company has entered into a joint venture with Georgetown Industries, of Charlotte, North Carolina, to acquire Vesuvius Crucible Co.
ESTATES PROPERTY INVESTMENT COMPANY: The company is to make agreed offers for Union of House and Land Investors, a private company which invests in property and stocks and shares.

APPOINTMENTS

- Chiltern Financial Services: Mr John Draper and Mr Chris Evans have been made associate directors.
Jardine Gianjvill (UK): Mr Barry Kirby joins the main board.
Henry Cooke, Lumsden: Mr Keith Wilson and Mr Tom Kerrigan have been appointed directors.

Terrorism and weak dollar hit hotel bookings by 12%

Hotel bookings in London are down by about 12 per cent, compared with last summer, as a result of the fall-off in American tourists - who have been deterred by fears of terrorism - and the weakness of the dollar. This estimate came yesterday from the London Visitor and Convention Bureau, whose annual report shows that occupancy rates, the benchmark for profitability, started last August to decline from peak 1984 levels. Last summer, occupancy was at 88 per cent, a similar level to the year before, but by last autumn it was running 6 per cent or more below the 1984 levels. On average, occupancy levels for last year were 78 per cent, the same as the year before, the relative decline in the latter part of last year having been offset by better occupancy levels than 1984 in the first five months of the year. On those levels, hotels would be in profit, but some in the trade have been reporting bookings down this year by as much as 30 per cent. If that was sustained, there would be a big question mark over profitability, but the Bureau reports signs of the Americans coming back as individual travellers.

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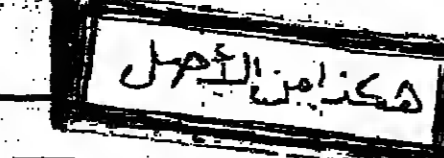
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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Fears of profit plunge wipe £67m from value of RTZ shares

By Michael Clark

Shares of Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation, the mining finance house, tumbled 23p to 562p yesterday, wiping about £67 million from its stock market value. Analysts are taking an increasingly gloomy view about the prospects for the group and there are fears that several big broking firms are about to "substantially" downgrade their profit estimates for 1986. Interim figures, due to be announced in September, could see net income fall well short of last year's £114 million. Some marketmen claim the final figure could be as low as £100 million. Falling oil prices and the recent weakness in the US and Australian currencies have all taken their toll.

Shares of RTZ have consistently underperformed the market this year and yesterday's shakeout could mark a sudden change of fortunes. Dealers were confident last night that a few cheap buyers would be appearing on the scene when dealings resume later today. The rest of the equity remained in a highly nervous state despite a better performance from sterling on the world's money markets. Another dull performance overnight on Wall Street and an unsettled opening yesterday served to keep investors at bay.

As a result, turnover remained low, with prices continuing to drift gently on lack of interest. However, the undertone had a firmer feel about it and dealers were looking for a technical rally soon. The FT 30 Share index fell by 7.5 points to 1,302.6, while the broader-based FTSE 100 closed above its worst level of the day, 4.3 points lower at 1,593.0.

Gills shrugged off the disappointment stemming from the fading hopes of a cut in interest rates. Prices at the longer end sported gains of about 1/2%. Brengreen, the industrial cleaning group, was unchanged at 37.5p after reporting a busy day yesterday for Pleasurama, unchanged at 30.3p, with a seminar at L. Messel, the broker, and news of its latest £2.5 million acquisition of National Holidays. Interim figures next month should make pleasant reading, full-year pretax profits should rise from £37 million to £46 million. Analysts say the shares are cheap.

Any lingering doubts investors may have had about Tipbook, the container and trailer rental group, must have been dispelled following the preliminary figures, showing pretax profits for the year to April 30 up from £1.65 million to £2.77 million. Tipbook's current year profit at 110p ran into trouble after a miscalculation over the net asset value. When the shares eventually came to market they met with little support and the price fell as low as 103p. Earlier this month, I forecast that the next stop for the price would be the 350p level. It reached 348p in early dealings yesterday, but subsequent profit-taking left it 10p lower on the day at 330p.

Analysts are already forecasting pretax profits for the current year of £4.5 million, but with so much new business coming in, the group should be capable of nearer £4.7 million. With this sort of growth in prospect, the shares look as though they still have some way to run. First-time dealings in St David's Investment Trust, the split-level fund which is the brain-child of Mr Brian Hanson Trust yesterday disposed of the remainder of its own shares acquired in the bid for Imperial Group. Hoare Govett, the broker, placed the 31 million shares at 177p to the turn with various institutions. A further 75 million were placed earlier this week in Europe. Hanson slipped 5p to 176p, but dealers now claim that without these shares overhanging the market the price is destined for better things.

Banks, the former Slater Walker and Brianna Arroy fund manager, got off to a quiet start with both classes of shares opening at a 1p premium over their placing price. The capital shares ended the day at 76p, while the income shares finished at 114p.

Shares of Bestobell leapt 35p to a fresh peak of 535p after that long-awaited bid finally arrived. Meggit Holdings has emerged as the suitor and is offering four of its

shares for every Bestobell share.

That values Bestobell at about 540p and there is a cash alternative of 500p. BTR, with 29 per cent of Bestobell, has already thrown its weight behind Meggit and plans to buy a 25 per cent stake in the enlarged Meggit. Shares of Meggit recovered an early 6p fall to close all-square at 137p. Capel-Cure, the broker, was last night buying shares in Bestobell on behalf of Meggit in the market.

There was also plenty of bid activity among the food manufacturers. In the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Mayhew Foods returned from suspension 16p higher at 131p following a bid from the much bigger Northern Foods. Northern is offering 139 shares for every 300 Mayhew, or 132.5p a share in cash. Northern lost 4p at 292p.

Elsewhere on the USM, Slaters Food dipped 14p to 176p after an agreed £14 million bid from rival Freshbake, the frozen foods supplier. Freshbake has already received acceptances totalling more than 50 per cent of Slaters's equity.

There was plenty of interest among the financials. Standard Chartered, still celebrating its successful defence against the unwanted, £1.3 billion bid from Lloyds, rallied after another early shakeout, closing 3p dearer at 722p, after 714p. Lloyds edged 2p better at 424p ahead of interim figures soon, along with Midland on 542p and National Westminster, 514p. Barclays closed unchanged at 522p.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, remained out of favour with investors following its disappointing debut last year. The shares slipped 8p to a new low of 453p - a 47p discount on the original striking price of 500p. But there were a few bright spots elsewhere in the sector. Brown Shipley recovered 10p to 523p, reflecting the increased stake taken by Kreditbank SA Luxembourg, which now owns 25.5 per cent. Henry Ansbacher firmed 1p to 79p, while Mercury International recouped an early fall to finish steady at 698p.

The weaker pound has been good news for the insurance companies which are expected to benefit from increased US earnings. Commercial Union hardened 2p to 313p, General Accident 7p to 849p, Guardian Royal Exchange 8p to 897p and Royal Insurance 5p to 847p while Sun Alliance reverted to an unchanged 709p, after 702p.

This has the benefit, it is claimed, of alleviating the unemployment trap, the poverty trap and, although the Treasury has denied this, it should also dent the appetite of married women for paid employment, thus doing no harm to the unemployment total. The Institute for Fiscal Studies

preferred a system characterized by Mr Lamont as mandatory separate taxation, on a lower basic rate of income tax of 25 per cent, and backed by the social security system. The alternative proposals, which sound more fair and caring than the Treasury's transferable allowances free-for-all, are anything but, according to Mr Lamont. Under mandatory separate taxation, one needy group, poor families with children, would benefit at the expense of another, pensioners.

The Treasury says the IFS alternative worsens the poverty trap, discriminates against marriage and is far more inflexible. Add the suggestion that the Treasury's aim is to discourage married women from working is, according to Mr Lamont, "frankly verging on the offensive". There are still 10 weeks to go of the consultation period on personal tax reform, but it looks as though the Treasury has made up its mind.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

A dilemma for the Guinness advisers

It was a close run thing. The proposals of the Guinness board to scrap the balanced holding company board promised during the struggle with Argyll to take over Distillers and to abandon Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, who had been chosen by Guinness to become non-executive chairman, had brought down the ire of the Bank of England on the head of Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, whom the Guinness board has decided should also be chairman.

This change of direction undoubtedly transgresses statements made in several formal documents issued during the Distillers bid, notably paragraph 7 of the listing particulars relating to Guinness, dated March 3, and duly registered in accord with Stock Exchange requirements. The peremptory action of the Guinness board put its principal City advisers, who had acted with great skill and vigour to bring about the defeat of Argyll, in a serious dilemma.

As was made abundantly clear at a meeting in the Guinness offices in Portman Square yesterday morning, both its merchant bankers, Morgan Grenfell, represented by Christopher Reeves, and brokers Cazenove, for whom up spoke Anthony Forbes, would resign unless Ernest Saunders agreed to amend the Guinness board scheme in a way that would save face, restore some semblance of principle and still enable Guinness to arrive at the single-purpose top management it believes necessary to tackle its Distillers inheritance.

There are to be meetings of shareholders, effectively to vote on the new board Mr Saunders is determined to have, though this is likely to be modified by the appointment to it of several non-executive directors of substance. Of the three non-executives from the Distillers side originally promised for the 10-man holding company board, Charles Fraser has already withdrawn because of Mr Saunders's elevation to the chairmanship, John Connell, the former Distillers chairman, is hardly a starter. That leaves Sir Nigel Brookes, a powerful enough figure in all conscience, to be - at least for a time - non-executive chairman.

Lord Rockley, of Kleinwort Benson, who advised Distillers during the bid, commented yesterday that it was now up to shareholders to take a view, and that view was likely to depend on the shape of the proposed new board. There would need to be effective non-executives and "a balanced board". These sentiments clearly accord with the Bank of England's attitude. Although the Bank these days claims much less power and authority than both its admirers and detractors like to believe it has, it stood firmly at the elbow of the City advisers and would not have dissuaded them from abandoning Guinness had not Mr Saunders retreated as far as he has done.

Had he not done so, he would no doubt have found some difficulty in finding suitable replacements for Morgan and Cazenove, and important institutional investors, several of whom met yesterday to consider what course of action they would take if Mr Saunders did not modify his line.

Treasury returns tax fire

The Treasury's tax economists have been labouring on the details of tax relief on the mooted profit-related pay scheme but have also found time to prepare a counter-attack in the area of personal tax reform, following the Institute for Fiscal Studies' criticisms of an earlier Treasury green paper. The counter-attack was presented by Norman Lamont, the Financial Secretary, appropriately at the Highflyers' conference in London yesterday. The Government favours a shift towards fully transferable tax allowances for individuals in the early 1990s, when the Inland Revenue computers are ready.

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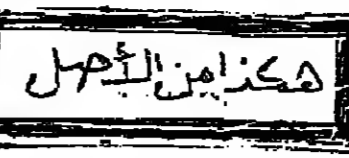
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How the great hype hits home in Hackney

Flats for sale in a converted factory in Hackney, east London, do not immediately have the ring of romance and elegance about them, which is one reason why estate agents come into being.

Chester Studios, with its "magnificent" art deco facade, "echoes the days of the great cruise liners which carried the rich and famous across the Atlantic, often in record-breaking time".

Number 1, Grosvenor Studios, behind Exton Terrace, Belgrave, is a different sort of studio - a four-bedroom London mansions cottage, formed from two cottages, retaining the period features of original fireplaces and beams.

Next door to GBS

The Estate Yard, an L-shaped brick building with a barn immediately opposite Shaw's Corner, George Bernard Shaw's former home at Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, is for sale through John H. James at Rylands. It has full planning permission for conversion to a house including two reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and two further bedrooms. It stands in a quarter of an acre.

The agents are asking for offers around £85,000 and estimate building costs at £60,000 to 70,000.

One of the few remaining original Queen Anne houses in Old Gloucester Street, north of Covent Garden, is for sale through Chestertons Residential at £295,000. The street was named after the Duke of Gloucester, the only one of Queen Anne's 17 children to survive infancy. He was sent there to benefit from the healthiness of the neighbourhood. The modernized house, retaining period features, has two reception rooms, four bedrooms, and a secluded rear garden.

Village vicarage

The Old Vicarage, Flimwell, East Sussex, was originally the vicarage to St Augustine's Church, which is next door to the property and was part of the Saxony estate. Both the church and the house were designed by Decimus Burton, dating from the mid-1800s, and the house is built of Tunbridge Wells sandstone. The accommodation includes three reception rooms, a study and five bedrooms, and there is a stable block within the grounds of one acre and woodland of five acres. Bernard Turner and Partners' Tunbridge Wells office is asking for offers around £225,000.



Inchmery House at Exbury, Hampshire, the country home of the de Rothschild family since 1912, has been put up for sale by Edmund de Rothschild at an asking price of around £1 million. The house, built in 1789 and later extended, was bought by Edmund's father, Lionel, founder of the internationally famous Exbury Gardens, who acquired it from the parliamentarian Lord Forster. Plans for a grandiose garden were drawn up at Inchmery, but were subsequently developed at the adjoining Exbury estate where the de Rothschilds lived in the 1920s and 1930s. Exbury House, unoccupied since the war, is to be restored, resulting in the sale of Inchmery, Inchmery, standing in 62 acres including foreshore of the Beaulieu river estuary, has five main reception rooms and 12 bedrooms. There are also a swimming pool, a tennis court and three staff dwellings. The agents are Smiths Gore of Winchester and Jackson and Jackson at Lymington

Fewer first-time buyers

While house prices continue to rise, and home ownership continues to increase, life is good for those who have already bought their homes. It is not so good, according to Tim Melville-Ross, chief general manager of the Nationwide Building Society, for the buyer or potential buyer.

His comments on the situation after the first half of 1986 bring a realistic and less optimistic view on the housing market. The Nationwide, in a report on home ownership, argues that the scope for further growth in home ownership in Britain is limited, and points out that during the past 10 years there has been a steady decline in lending to first-time buyers.

By the end of 1985 the proportion of lending had fallen to 41 per cent compared with 53 per cent in 1976. The decline, temporarily halted by the first flush of council house sales in the early 1980s, has little to do with pressure from rising prices, which has simply forced first-time buyers downmarket into older, cheaper properties, the report says.

"The real reason for the decline in lending to first-time buyers is that owner-occupation in Britain, at more than 64 per cent, is approaching saturation point," it says. "The majority of those who can afford to buy their own homes - typically those employed in managerial or clerical positions - have done so."

Remaining householders, most of whom are local authority tenants, are

employed in semi-skilled or manual jobs with below-average incomes and a higher risk of unemployment. The Nationwide says these people are clearly far less able to afford the move into owner-occupation, and estimates that at present 30 per cent of households cannot realistically expect to move into owner-occupation.

Mr Melville-Ross said this must lead to building societies reconsidering their role and priorities. They could do more to help the less well paid who wished to move into home ownership, but if people could not afford to buy a home they should not be forced into it by "over-attraction" terms by lenders.

'Revival of private rented sector is urgently needed'

He believes that an important role for societies in the future must be in the support of private rented housing. He said: "For those who cannot afford to do or wish - for job mobility reasons, for example - to buy their own home, there should be a viable alternative. The reduction in the public housing stock requires an urgent revival of the private rented sector."

"The present government seems keen to support this revival and is encouraging building societies to take a more active role as socially responsible landlords of privately rented property. It is vital that we do just that."

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Advertisement for Cubitt & West Estate Agents, listing various properties for sale in different regions.

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Large advertisement for Lane Fox & Partners, listing multiple properties across various counties including Oxfordshire, North Oxfordshire, and Buckinghamshire.

Advertisement for Wimpey Homes coming to Wheatley, featuring a large landscape image and details about the development of 4 and 5 bedroom detached houses.

Advertisement for Lawrance Chartered Surveyors, South Somerset Residential Farm 33 Acres.

Advertisement for Regency Brighton, Magnificent 6 Bedroom listed period residence in the heart of Brighton.

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Advertisement for Penryn, Crediton near Winchester, A very pretty and well presented detached cottage close to the Village Green.

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

Martin Grant Homes

Map of Essex, Hants, Berks, Surrey, Herts, and Bucks counties with property listings for areas like Wickford, Hook, Friern Place, The Ravens, Lion Lane, Craigmyle, Leatherhead, Binfield, Heath Park, and Nash Park.

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TV-AM 6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Nick Owen...

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BBC 2 6.55 Open University Technology - A Milk Run...

CHANNEL 4 2.15 Their Lordships' House. A special of last night's highlights...

Radio 4 On long wave, VHF variations at 6.55 Shipping, 6.00 News Briefing...

Radio 3 On medium wave, VHF variations at 6.55 Weather, 6.35am and 6.55am...

Radio 2 On medium wave. See Radio 1 for VHF variations.

10.40 International One-Day Cricket. The first match in the two game Texaco Trophy series...

10.35 Real World. Drama about a young boy and his mother, neither of whom can face the real world...

1.35 The Physics of Matter. An Open University production illustrating how quantum mechanics can be used to describe the distribution of speeds of molecules in a gas.

2.30 Broken Blossoms. A 1919 film. A young woman who is befriended by a Chinaman after she is abandoned by her father...

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